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ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE

IN THE

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY

(INCLUDING SIND)

FOR THE YEAR 1917.

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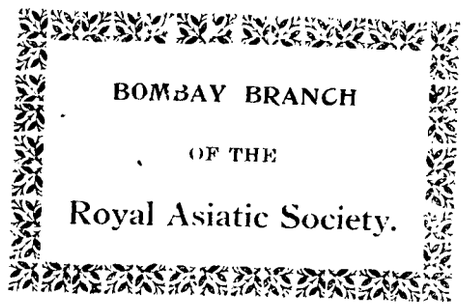

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No. 1594 of 1918.

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature,
Appellate Side,

Bombay, 11th October 1918.

From

F. W. ALLISON, Esquire,
Registrar, High Court,
Appellate Side,
Bombay;

To

The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department,
Bombay.

Sir,

I am directed to forward the accompanying Reports on the Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice in the Presidency of Bombay for the year 1917, together with the Reports in original of the Judicial Commissioner in Sind.

2. Judicial Statements Nos. 1 to 13 accompany the Reports.

3. The statement showing the amount of work disposed of by the Courts in each District will be sent separately as it is not required by the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
F. W. ALLISON,
Registrar.

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE IN THE PRESIDENCY OF BOMBAY FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Preliminary Remarks.

The area and population of the territories to which the report relates are shown in the following table :—

	Area in square miles.	Population according to the Census of 1911.
Presidency proper	77,275	16,113,042
Sind	47,789	3,513,435
Total ...	125,064	19,626,477

2. During the year under report there were few variations in the constitution and jurisdiction of the Civil Courts in the Presidency. The Subordinate Courts of Kaira and Dohad continued to be linked till the end of the year. There was a redistribution of villages constituting the jurisdictions of various Subordinate Courts in the Dharwar District. Sixteen villages, which had been heretofore included within the local limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Judge of Karwar in the Kanara District, were excluded therefrom, and included within the local limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Judge of Dharwar in the Dharwar District. The villages of Sai, Kasarbhat and Dighati, which had been heretofore included within the local limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Judge of Pen in the Kolaba District, were excluded therefrom, and included within the local limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Judge of Panvel in the same district. The village of Alia Bet, which had been heretofore included within the local limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Judge of Broach in the Broach District, was excluded therefrom, and included within the local limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Judge of Wagra in the same district.

3. The Honourable Sir Basil Scott, Knight, presided over the High Court from 1st January to 10th September and from 11th October to 31st December 1917. His Lordship was on privilege leave from 11th September to 10th October 1917. During this period the Honourable Sir Stanley Lockhart Batchelor, Knight, acted as Chief Justice.

Puisne Judges.

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The Honourable Sir Frank Clement Offley Beaman, Knight, from 1st January to 31st December 1917.

The Honourable Sir Joseph John Heaton, Knight, from 1st January to 10th June and from 11th July to 31st December 1917. His Lordship was on privilege leave from 11th June to 10th July 1917.

The Honourable Mr. Justice N. C. Macleod from 1st January to 10th June 1917. His Lordship was on furlough from 11th June to 31st December 1917.

The Honourable Mr. Justice L. A. Shah from 1st to 8th January and from 9th February to 31st December 1917. His Lordship was on privilege leave from 9th January to 8th February 1917.

The Honourable Mr. Justice A. B. Marten from 1st January to 31st December 1917.

The Honourable Mr. Justice A. M. Kajiji officiated as a Judge of the High Court from 11th June to 31st December 1917.

4. In the Presidency proper there were on the 31st December 1917 :—

15 District Judges,

2 Joint Judges,

8 Assistant Judges,

8 Small Cause Court Judges (including those at the Presidency Town) besides the Cantonment Magistrates at Belgaum, Ahmednagar and Ahmedabad and the Registrars of the Small Cause Courts of Bombay, Poona and Nadiad, who are also invested with Small Cause Court powers),

18 First Class Subordinate Judges (excluding two Inspecting First Class Subordinate Judges, who do not exercise judicial powers).

100 Second Class Subordinate Judges (excluding two Inspecting Second Class Subordinate Judges, who do not exercise judicial powers).

5. Besides the above Judicial Officers, there were during the year under report 5 Inamdars and Jahagirdars exercising powers of Subordinate Judges under Regulation XIII of 1830.

6. In the Province of Sind, there were, on the 31st December 1917, besides the Judicial Commissioner,—

2 Additional Judicial Commissioners,

3 District Judges,

2 Joint Judges,

2 Assistant Judges,

1 Small Cause Court Judge (besides the Cantonment Magistrate at Karachi exercising civil powers, and the Registrar of the Small Cause Court, Karachi),

3 First Class Subordinate Judges,

13 Second Class Subordinate Judges.

7. As regards the working of the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act, the District Judge of Kanara is of opinion that the Act is not really required in the District and that the provisions of the Act regarding instalments are specially and constantly used for the purpose of delaying payment of the debt.

The District Judge of Nasik observes that the provisions of the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act are widely known to, and fully utilized by, the agriculturists generally and that there are no Village Munsiffs appointed in the District.

The District Judges of Broach and Surat report that the working of the Act appears to be satisfactory.

The District Judges of Ahmedabad, Ahmednagar, Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwar, Khandesh, Poona, Ratnagiri, Satara, Sholapur and Thana have made no special remarks on the working of the Act.

The Annual Statements.

8. In accordance with letter No. 1446-1448, dated the 18th September 1905, from the Government of India to the Government of Bombay, this statement is filled up in duplicate—one form for Civil and the other for Criminal work—and the statistics for Revenue Courts are excluded from it, as also from the other judicial statements.

Statement No. I (Civil).

9. The total number of civil cases decided during the year under report was 330,747 as against 340,351 in the last year, showing a decrease of 9,604. The decrease was in respect of Regular and Miscellaneous Original Suits. There was an increase in the number of Appellate decisions.

10. Of the total number of decided cases, 48·8 per cent. were regular suits, 48·9 per cent. Miscellaneous cases, and 2·3 per cent. appeals, as against 48·6, 49·4 and 2 per cent. respectively during the year 1916.

11. The total receipts of all the Courts (Civil and Criminal) have risen from Rs. 53,61,703 to Rs. 59,40,675 and the total charges have fallen from Rs. 52,06,187 to Rs. 50,80,720. These figures are supplied by the Accountant General, Bombay, in accordance with Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 5042, dated 11th August 1893.

12. The total number of suits instituted in all the Courts was 158,430 as against 165,377 in the preceding year, showing a decrease of 6,947. Last year there was an increase of 2,960.

Statement No. VII.

13. There was a decrease of 5,601 in the number of suits for money as compared with the increase of 2,174 last year. There was also a decrease in all other kinds of suits, except suits to establish a right of pre-emption and suits not falling under any specific head, which showed a slight increase.

14. The percentage of suits for money or moveable property rose slightly from 83·7 to 83·8 and that of suits relating to immoveable property (including mortgage and pre-emption suits) fell from 11·6 to 11·4; the percentage of all other kinds of suits was 4·8 as compared with 4·7 last year.

15. The aggregate value of suits rose from Rs. 6,41,90,856 to Rs. 7,66,02,048. There was a decrease of 1,598, 3,551, 1,540, 296, 215 and 124, respectively, in the number of suits not exceeding Rs. 10, 50, 100, 500, 1,000 and in the number of suits the value of which could not be estimated in money; while all other kinds of suits, *i. e.*, those not exceeding in value Rs. 5,000 and 10,000, as also those exceeding Rs. 10,000, showed an increase.

Statement No. VIII.

16. The small Cause Courts, the Presidency Small Cause Courts and the Superior Courts showed a decrease in the value of suits instituted during the year, while all the rest showed an increase. The increase is marked in the Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals and the District Courts, where the value of suits instituted rose from Rs. 4,17,63,239 and Rs. 18,90,887 to Rs. 5,57,90,995 and Rs. 23,44,737 respectively.

17. There were 217,049 suits for disposal before all the Courts, out of which 161,596 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 55,453 pending at the close of the year. The corresponding figures for the last year were 222,021, 165,553 and 56,468.

Statement No. IX, Part I.

18. The disposals may be classified as under :—

Without trial	about	10·2
Without contest	,,	55·5
After contest	,,	33·0
On reference to Arbitration	,,	1·3

19. Of the total number of suits disposed of after contest or on reference to Arbitration, judgment was given for plaintiff in whole or in part in 85·2 per cent. and for the defendant in 14·8 per cent. of cases.

20. The average duration of contested suits rose from 194 to 200 days in the year under report, and of uncontested suits was the same as last year, *viz.* 88 days. The corresponding figures for 1914 and 1915 respectively were 191 and 213 days for contested, and 101 and 89 days for uncontested suits. In the District Courts the average duration was 401 days for contested and 136 days for uncontested suits as against 394 and 196 days respectively in the preceding year. In the Mofussil Subordinate Courts the average duration was 222 days for contested and 102 days uncontested suits as against 212 and 99 days respectively in the previous year. In the Superior Courts the average duration was 335 days for contested and 364 days for uncontested suits as against 327 and 365 days respectively in the preceding year.

21. The following table gives some idea of the comparative litigiousness of the several districts in the Presidency :—

District.	Population.	Number of suits instituted.	Proportion of suits instituted to population.	Total number of decided suits.	Proportion of contested suits to the number of decided suits.
Bombay	979,445	29,833	1 to 33	30,116	1 to 6¾
Karachi	521,721	6,135	1 to 85	6,235	1 to 4¼
Khandesh	1,615,609	18,400	1 to 88	18,932	1 to 2½
Poona	1,071,512	11,056	1 to 97	10,314	1 to 2½
Broach	306,717	3,024	1 to 101	2,942	1 to 3
Nasik	905,030	8,951	1 to 101	9,249	1 to 2
Larkana	660,879	6,541	1 to 101	6,707	1 to 8¾
Ahmedabad (including Kaira and Panch Mahals.)	1,842,248	15,944	1 to 116	16,223	1 to 3

District.	Population.	Number of suits instituted.	Proportion of suits instituted to population.	Total number of decided suits.	Proportion of contested suits to the number of decided suits.
Surat	654,109	4,651	1 to 141	4,677	1 to 3
Sukkur (including Upper Sind Frontier) ...	836,920	5,616	1 to 149	5,560	1 to 7
Kanara	430,548	2,797	1 to 154	2,864	1 to 1¾
Thana (including Kolaba)	1,476,475	8,649	1 to 171	8,700	1 to 2½
Ahmednagar	945,305	5,294	1 to 179	5,612	1 to 2
Sholapur	768,330	4,093	1 to 188	4,481	1 to 2
Dharwar	1,026,005	4,732	1 to 217	4,781	1 to 2¼
Hyderabad (including Thar and Parkar) ...	1,493,915	6,864	1 to 218	7,279	1 to 6¼
Ratnagiri	1,203,638	4,967	1 to 242	5,183	1 to 1¾
Satara	1,081,278	4,386	1 to 247	5,109	1 to 2
Belgaum	943,820	3,569	1 to 264	3,580	1 to 2
Bijapur	862,973	2,928	1 to 295	3,052	1 to 3

22. In addition to the regular suits mentioned above, the Courts disposed of 19,201 miscellaneous cases as against 19,215 during the previous year. Of these the percentage of contested cases was 25·7 and their average duration was 62 days as against 82 days in the preceding year.

Statement No. IX, Part II.

23. The following table shows the results of appeals disposed of during the year as compared with those disposed of during the last year :—

Statement No. X, Part I.

Year.	Appeals presented.	Objections under Order XLI, rule 22, Civil Procedure Code.	Appeals decided.	Arrears.
1916	6,921	344	6,530	7,276
1917	6,807	315	7,149	6,934

24. The First Class Subordinate Judges and Small Cause Court Judges invested with Appellate powers disposed of 559 appeals as against 285 last year.

25. Of the total number of appeals decided, 1,438 were dismissed under Order XLI, rule 11, Civil Procedure Code, or for default or were otherwise not prosecuted. Excluding one transferred to another Presidency, the disposal of the remaining 5,710 may be classified as under:—

Number in which decree was confirmed ...	3,906 or 68·4	per cent.
Do. do. modified ...	643 or 11·3	,,
Do. do. reversed ...	857 or 15	,,
Do. suit was remanded ...	304 or 5·3	,,

26. The average duration of appeals was 356 days as against 353 last year.

27. There was a slight decrease in the institutions, but practically no change in the disposals, of miscellaneous appeals, the figures being 305 and 319 as against 312 and 318 respectively, last year. The average duration of these appeals was 206 days as against 175 in the previous year.

Statement No. X, Part II.

28. As regards applications for execution the following table shows the figures for the year under report as compared with those in 1916 :—

Statement No. XI.

Year.	Institutions.	Disposals.	Arrears.
1916	145,814	148,104	45,820
1917	137,943	141,838	41,925

29. Out of the total number of applications for execution disposed of, 553 were disposed of by transfer. In 31,199 satisfaction was obtained in full and in 33,920 in part, while 76,166 proved wholly infructuous. The percentages of the last three heads of disposal were 22, 24 and 54 as compared with 23, 24 and 53 in the preceding year.

30. The total amount realized in execution came to Rs. 79,92,382 as against Rs. 89,05,504 last year.

31. The number of cases in which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned was 734 as against 775 last year, and of those in which immoveable property was sold was 2,633 as against 3,102 in the preceding year.

32. As against 734 persons imprisoned in execution of decrees, the number of persons arrested but released without imprisonment was 3,450.

33. The number of applications before the Courts for declaration of insolvency was 1,021, out of which 644 were disposed of. Of these, 74 were withdrawn, 441 were granted and 129 rejected.

Statement No. XII.

General Remarks.

34. The congestion of the civil files was partially dealt with by the appointment of Additional First Class Subordinate Judges at Ahmedabad, Dhulia, Poona, Satara, Sholapur and Surat and by the deputation or appointment of Joint or Additional Second Class Subordinate Judges to the following places during the whole or part of the year under report, *viz.*, Ahmedabad, Borsad, Nadiad, Umreth, Ahmednagar, Sangamner, Rahuri and Kopargaon, Belgaum, Gokak, Bijapur, Bagalkot, Broach, Dharwar, Haveri, Hubli, Karwar, Dhulia, Chalisgaon, Jalgaon, Yawal, Nasik, Sinnar, Yeola, Poona, Haveli, Khed, Chiplun, Dapoli, Devgad, Malwan, Rajapur, Satara, Islampur, Karad, Patan, Tasgaon, Sholapur, Barsi, Surat, Bulsar, Thana and Mahad.

35. In recent years there has been a steady increase in the number of suits instituted in the Subordinate Courts. The number, fixed many years ago, of Judges on the permanent cadre, has become wholly insufficient to cope with the present volume of work, and in spite of the appointment of temporary Additional Judges, the arrears of work have accumulated to a serious extent. The proposals of the High Court for a substantial strengthening of the permanent cadre are under the consideration of Government.

36. This increase of original suits has naturally been followed by an increase in the appellate work of the District Courts, and the High Court has made proposals for adequate assistance to be given to the District Judges.

37. The District or Assistant Judges or Inspecting Subordinate Judges of Ahmedabad, Ahmednagar, Belgaum, Bijapur, Broach, Dharwar, Kanara, Khandesh, Nasik, Poona, Ratnagiri, Satara, Sholapur, Surat and Thana inspected in all 37 Subordinate Judges' Courts during the year under report.

38. The District Judges of Ahmedabad, Bijapur, Kanara, Khandesh and Thana assembled judicial conferences of the Judges subordinate to them, where points touching the practice and procedure of Civil Courts were discussed.

39. The record rooms and libraries are reported by all District Judges to be in good order. The destruction of useless records is carried out periodically in accordance with the rules framed by the High Court.

F. W. ALLISON,
Registrar.

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature,
Appellate Side, Bombay, 11th October 1918.

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE PRESIDENCY OF BOMBAY FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Preliminary Remarks.

The report relates to the Administration of Criminal Justice in all the Courts (including the Courts of the Presidency Magistrates) in the Bombay Presidency proper and in the Province of Sind.

2. The area and population of the above territories are the same as those given at page 1.

3. In the Presidency proper there were on the 31st December 1917, besides the Honourable the Chief Justice and Judges of the High Court,—

15 Sessions Judges,
8 Additional Sessions Judges,
2 Assistant Sessions Judges,
19 District Magistrates,
4 Presidency Magistrates,
268 First Class Magistrates,
327 Second Class Magistrates,
260 Third Class Magistrates,
260 Sanitary Committees and Sanitary Boards under Bombay Act I of 1889.

In addition to the above, the number of Police Patels in the Presidency exercising powers under section 14 of the Village Police Act, VIII of 1867, was 21,441. Out of these, 340 have also been invested with powers under section 15 of the said Act.

4. In Sind, on the 31st December 1917, besides the Judicial Commissioner and two Additional Judicial Commissioners, there were,—

3 Sessions Judges,
4 Additional Sessions Judges,
6 District Magistrates,
1 Deputy Commissioner,
80 First Class Magistrates,
77 Second Class Magistrates,
194 Third Class Magistrates,
19 Sanitary Committees and Sanitary Boards under Bombay Act I of 1889.

5. All the Judges and Magistrates mentioned above were stipendiary, with the exception of 573 Special and Honorary Magistrates, of whom 561 formed 96 benches which were distributed as follows :—

4	at Bombay	consisting of	98	Magistrates.
2	„ Poona	„	22	„
2	„ Nadiad	„	12	„
1	„ Belgaum	„	10	„
1	„ Bijapur	„	10	„
2	„ Dharwar	„	10	„
2	„ Hubli	„	10	„
2	„ Sholapur	„	10	„
1	„ Karwar	„	9	„
1	„ Bagalkot	„	7	„
1	„ Dhulia	„	7	„
1	„ Nasik	„	7	„
1	„ Nipani	„	7	„
1	„ Ahmednagar	„	6	„
1	„ Ankleshwar	„	6	„
1	„ Gadag	„	6	„
1	„ Godhra	„	6	„
1	„ Malwan	„	6	„
1	„ Ranebennur	„	6	„
1	„ Ratnagiri	„	6	„

1	at Thana	consisting of	6	Magistrates.
1	„ Barsi	„	5	„
1	„ Broach	„	5	„
1	„ Guledgudd	„	5	„
1	„ Kalyan	„	5	„
1	„ Kumta	„	5	„
1	„ Panvel	„	5	„
1	„ Satara	„	5	„
1	„ Sirsi	„	5	„
1	„ Uran	„	5	„
1	„ Ilkal	„	4	„
1	„ Amingad	„	3	„
1	„ Chinchni	„	3	„
1	„ Hungund	„	3	„
1	„ Panchgani	„	3	„
1	„ Sangamner	„	3	„
52	in Sind	„	230	„
96			561	

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6. The total number of Criminal cases disposed of during the year under report was 167,450 as compared with 170,444 in the last year, showing a decrease of 2,994. Of the total number of decided cases, 96·8 per cent. were original cases and 3·2 per cent. were cases in appeal and revision. The percentages for the previous year were 96·7 and 3·3.

Statement No. I (Criminal).

7. The total number of offences reported during the year was 169,343 as compared with 173,149 in the last year showing a decrease of 3,806. The number of cases returned as true was 163,564 or 96·6 per cent. of the total number of offences reported, the rest being cases dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, or cases in which the charge was declared to be false.

Statement No. II.

8. Of the total number of cases returned as true about 30·3 per cent. were under the Indian Penal Code and the rest under Special and Local Laws Cases under the Indian Penal Code related chiefly to offences of hurt, criminal force and assault, theft, criminal breach of trust, receiving of stolen property, mischief, criminal trespass, criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance and offences relating to marriage. The principal cases under Special and Local Laws related to offences under the Breaches of Contract Act, Cantonment Act, Cattle Trespass Act, Criminal Procedure Code, Forest Act, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, Abkari Act, City of Bombay Police Act, District Police Acts, Bombay and District Municipal Acts, Public Conveyance Act and Village Police Act.

9. Among the offences returned as true, there was no offence against the State. There were 3 offences against the Army and Navy and none under the Official Secrets Act.

10. There was a material increase in the following classes of offences:—

Offences.	Number in 1916.	Number in 1917.
Theft	10,488	11,124
Under the Cattle Trespass Act	1,720	2,036
„ European Vagrancy Act ...	67	99
„ Factories Act	20	74
„ Abkari Act	2,177	3,074
„ Municipal (Bombay) Act ...	9,757	11,033
„ Municipal Servants Act ...	2	17
„ Port Trust (Karachi) Act ...	9	183
„ Public Conveyance Act	8,534	9,863
„ Salt Act	95	137
„ Vaccination Act	45	90

11. Offences under the following heads show a considerable decrease :—

Offences.	Number in 1916.	Number in 1917.
Public Tranquillity	1,369	1,175
Criminal Intimidation, insult and annoyance ...	3,647	3,361
Under the Criminal Procedure Code ...	1,661	1,377
Under Explosives Act	41	9
„ Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act ...	13,846	12,936
„ District Police Acts	17,883	18,792
„ Municipal (District) Act	22,104	20,709
„ Village Sanitation Act	315	220

12. Out of 742 cases affecting human life brought to trial during the year, 355 were murders. The corresponding numbers in the previous year were 714 and 364.

13. These murders may be classified as under :—

From motives connected with women ...	...	136
Of children for the sake of their ornaments	...	13
Other murders for the sake of gain ...	...	34
Murders from other causes ...	...	172
		355

14. The following table shows the comparative criminality of the several districts :—

District.	Population.	Offences returned as true.	Proportion of such offences to population.	District.	Population.	Offences returned as true.	Proportion of such offences to population.
Bombay	979,445	65,483	1 to 15	Kolaba	594,166	2,622	1 to 227
Karachi	521,721	9,111	1 to 57	Nasik	905,030	3,704	1 to 244
Ahmedabad	827,809	12,543	1 to 66	West Khandesh ...	580,723	2,215	1 to 262
Surat	654,109	6,051	1 to 108	Kanara	430,548	1,404	1 to 307
Kaira	691,744	5,717	1 to 121	Dharwar	1,026,005	3,210	1 to 320
Poona	1,071,512	8,502	1 to 126	Upper Sind Frontier ...	263,007	774	1 to 340
Broach	306,717	2,392	1 to 128	East Khandesh ...	1,034,886	2,838	1 to 365
Hyderabad	612,039	4,378	1 to 140	Belgaum	943,820	2,341	1 to 403
Sholapur	768,330	5,404	1 to 142	Satara	1,081,278	2,572	1 to 420
Thana	882,309	5,683	1 to 155	Ahmednagar	945,305	2,028	1 to 466
Panch Mahals	322,695	1,833	1 to 176	Ratnagiri	1,203,638	2,235	1 to 539
Larkana	660,879	3,505	1 to 189	Thar and Parkar ...	433,398	742	1 to 584
Sukkur	573,913	2,844	1 to 202	Bijapur	862,973	1,354	1 to 637
Nawabshah	448,476	2,079	1 to 216				

15. In the districts of Surat, Bombay and Kaira, the number of offences increased by 2,028, 1,251 and 1,235, respectively, whereas in the districts of Ahmedabad, Sukkur, Sholapur and Larkana, there was a decrease of 4,746, 988, 857 and 499 respectively. In the remaining districts there was no marked increase or decrease.

16. The number of cases brought to trial during the year was 162,954 and the number of persons involved in them was 233,765, as against 165,558 cases and 237,255 persons in the preceding year.

17. Of the 233,765 persons under trial, 89,240 or 38·2 per cent. were acquitted or discharged; 134,489 or 57·5 per cent. were convicted, 1,922 or ·8 per cent. died, escaped, were transferred to another province or made over to Military Authorities; and 8,114 or 3·5 per cent. remained under trial.

18. In the last year the percentages were 38·1, 57·9, ·7 and 3·3 respectively. Out of 89,240 persons acquitted or discharged 41,064 or about 46 per cent. were acquitted under section 345, Criminal Procedure Code, the cases against them being compounded.

19. The following table shows the ratio of acquittals to convictions in each class of offences :—

Description of offence.	Persons acquitted or discharged.	Persons convicted.	Ratio of acquittals to convictions.
Offences relating to the Army and Navy	7	1	87 : 13
„ against the public tranquility	3,201	2,329	58 : 42
„ by or relating to public servants	68	78	47 : 53
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants...	262	527	33 : 67
False evidence and offences against public justice	422	496	46 : 54
Offences relating to coins	24	45	35 : 65
„ „ Government Stamps	.....	2	.....
„ „ weights and measures	37	50	43 : 57
„ affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.	261	956	21 : 79
„ relating to religion	37	24	61 : 39
„ affecting life	509	581	47 : 53
Attempts at life	31	25	55 : 45
Causing of miscarriage, injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and the concealment of births.	63	54	54 : 46
Hurt	30,708	3,544	90 : 10
Attempts at hurt	50	18	74 : 26
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement	1,078	213	84 : 16
Criminal force and assault	6,709	935	88 : 12
Attempts at „	1	1	50 : 50
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour	396	213	65 : 35
Attempts at „ „ „	.....	2	.....
Rape	58	40	59 : 41
Unnatural offence...	23	31	43 : 57
Attempts at „	.....	2	.....
Theft	3,985	11,053	26 : 74
Attempts at theft	6	36	14 : 86
Extortion	89	42	68 : 32
Attempts at extortion	.....	3	.....
Robbery and dacoity	444	380	54 : 46
Attempts at „	3	10	23 : 77
Criminal misappropriation of property	370	231	62 : 38
Criminal breach of trust	667	766	47 : 53
Attempts at „	4	3	57 : 43
Receiving of stolen property	608	1,277	32 : 68
Attempts at „	.....	2	.....
Cheating	564	469	55 : 45
Attempts at cheating	1	5	17 : 83
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property	118	9	93 : 7
Attempts at „ „	.....	1	.....
Mischief	5,015	619	89 : 11
Criminal trespass	3,217	1,517	68 : 32
Attempts at „	5	8	38 : 62
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks	90	64	58 : 42
Criminal breach of contracts of service	58	6	91 : 9
Offences relating to marriage	2,840	168	94 : 6
Defamation	504	25	95 : 5
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance	6,232	608	91 : 9
Attempts at „ „	2	1	67 : 33
Offences under Special and Local Laws	20,473	107,019	16 : 84

20. The total number of European British Subjects whose cases were disposed of during the year under report rose from 564 to 722. Of these 168 or 23·3 per cent. were charged with offences under the Indian Penal Code and 554 or 76·7 per cent. under Special and Local Laws. The charges under the Indian Penal Code related chiefly to hurt, criminal force and assault, theft and criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.

Statement No. IIA.

21. Out of the 722 persons whose cases were disposed of 501 were convicted and 221 acquitted or discharged. The cases of 721 persons were disposed of by Magistrates and the case of 1 person was disposed of by the High Court. In the case of 205 persons the deciding Magistrate was a European British Subject and in the case of 516 persons he was other than a European British Subject. In the case of the one person tried in the High Court the Judge was a European British Subject. One person claimed to be tried by a mixed jury under section 450 (1) of the Criminal Procedure Code.

22. There were 4,202 miscellaneous cases before the Courts involving 7,107 persons of whom 25·1 per cent. were discharged, 69·4 per cent. were convicted and the cases of 5·5 per cent. were pending.

Statement No. III.

23. There was a material increase in the number of persons involved in proceedings under Chapter XLII for forfeiture of bail or recognizance; and a

marked decrease in the number of persons involved in proceedings under Chapter VIII, requiring security for good behaviour and for preventing breach of the peace, under Chapter X against local nuisances, under Chapter XX for frivolous and vexatious accusations and under Chapter XXXVI, for maintenance.

24. The number of original regular cases disposed of during the year was 159,219 as against 162,108 in the last year. Of these 155,958 were disposed of by Magistrates, 2,208 by Village Officers and Sanitary Committees and Sanitary Boards, and 1,053 by Courts of Session and Superior Courts.

Statement No. IV.

25. Of the total number of persons convicted, 36·3 per cent. were convicted on regular and 63·7 per cent. on summary trial. The percentages of the last year were 34·1 and 65·9 respectively.

26. The number of youthful offenders dealt with under section 31 of Act VIII of 1897 was 380 as against 234 in the previous year. The number of persons released on probation under section 562 of the Criminal Procedure Code was 1,402 as against 1,346 in the preceding year.

Statement No. V.

27. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1917 as contrasted with those in 1916 :—

Year.	Number of persons sentenced to					
	Death.	Transportation.	Penal servitude.	Imprisonment.	Fine.	Whipping.
1916	38	219	.....	20,537	109,688	1,069
1917	51	212	1	20,671	104,905	1,134

28. In 93,031 cases the amount of fine imposed did not exceed Rs. 10 and in 10,358 cases it was between Rs. 10 and Rs. 50. In 6,509 cases the term of imprisonment did not exceed 15 days and in 10,155 cases it was between 15 days and 6 months.

29. The total amount of fines imposed rose from Rs. 7,22,418 to Rs. 7,67,117, and that of fines realised rose from Rs. 6,55,752 to Rs. 6,80,973.

30. Out of 1,134, the total number of whippings inflicted, 733 were in lieu of other punishments (714 being on first conviction and 19 on reconviction), 7 were in addition to other punishments and 394 were inflicted on juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II of Statement No. VA.

Statement No. VA, Parts I to IV.

31. The percentage of whippings on the total number of all punishments was 12·6 as compared with 12·7 in the preceding year. In the majority of cases whipping was inflicted for offences of theft, the number of stripes being most commonly 5 to 10.

32. Excluding the number of appellants who died and the number of those whose appeals were pending at the close of the year, the results of the appeals preferred were :—

Statement No. VI.

Rejected in	...	34·98 per cent. cases.
Sentence confirmed in ...	...	35·8 do.
Do. enhanced in ...	...	·03 do.
Do. reduced in ...	...	10·93 do.
Do. reversed in ...	...	17·18 do.
Otherwise disposed of in	...	1·08 do.

33. Of the total number of appeals decided 39·4 per cent. were disposed of by District Magistrates and other Magistrates invested with appellate powers, 45·2 per cent. by Courts of Session and 15·4 per cent. by Superior Courts.

34. In revision the sentence was enhanced in the cases of 4 persons. The general results of revision are compared with those of appeals in the following table :—

	In Revision.	In Appeal.
	In the case of	In the case of
Proceedings quashed...	14	.....
New trial or further enquiry ordered	195	61
Sentence reduced or otherwise altered	61	658
Sentence reversed	180	1,034

35. Persons tried by jury and with the aid of Assessors numbered 363 and 1,360 respectively. In the Courts of Session the verdict of the jury was approved as regards 290 out of 307 accused persons and disapproved as regards 17. In cases tried with Assessors, the Judge agreed with all Assessors in 70·7 per cent. of the cases, with some in 10·3 per cent. and differed from all in 19 per cent.

Statement No. XIII.

F. W. ALLISON,
Registrar.

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature,
Appellate Side, Bombay, 11th October 1918.

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE IN THE PROVINCE OF SIND FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Preliminary Remarks.

1. The Court of the Judicial Commissioner was presided over by Mr. E. M. Pratt, I.C.S., from 1st January to 31st December 1917.

2. The following were the Additional Judicial Commissioners :—

Mr. H. N. Crouch, Bar.-at-Law, from 1st January to 31st December 1917.

Mr. M. H. W. Hayward, LL.B. (Cantab.), Bar.-at-Law, I.C.S., from 1st January to 31st December 1917.

The Court was closed for the annual vacation from 7th June to 6th July 1917.

3. There were on the 31st December 1917—

3 Sessions Judges.
3 Additional Sessions Judges.
7 District Magistrates.
18 Sub-Divisional Magistrates.
2 Cantonment Magistrates.
19 City and Resident Magistrates.
40 Other First Class Magistrates.
116 Second Class Magistrates.
136 Third Class Magistrates.
19 Sanitary Committees and Boards under Bombay Act I of 1899.

Of the above Magistrates 197 were Special and Honorary Magistrates.

4. There were on the 31st December 1917—

3 District Judges.
1 Joint Judge.
2 Assistant Judges.
2 Small Cause Court Judges (including the Registrar, Small Cause Court, Karachi).
4 First Class Subordinate Judges (including the Registrar of the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind).
13 Second Class Subordinate Judges.

5. The Judicial Commissioner went on 3 months' tour to make the annual inspection of the Courts in Sind and he inspected the two District and Sessions Courts of Sukkur and Larkana, the two First Class Subordinate Courts of Sukkur and Larkana, 3 Second Class Subordinate Courts in the Sukkur District, 1 Second Class Subordinate Court in the Larkana District and 2 Second Class Subordinate Courts in the Nawabshah District, besides 16 Magisterial Courts in the 3 Districts of Sukkur, Larkana and Nawabshah.

6. The District Judge, Hyderabad, inspected 3 Subordinate Courts in his District; the District Judge, Sukkur, inspected the First Class Subordinate Court in his District and the District Judge, Larkana, inspected 2 Subordinate Courts in his District.

7. Two Judicial Conferences were held during the year under report one by the District Judge, Larkana, and the other by the District Judge, Hyderabad.

8. The Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act is reported to be working satisfactorily in the Province. Some Subordinate Judges are not sufficiently careful in the application of Sections 12 and 13 of the Act and it has been necessary to admonish them.

9. The total receipts of all the Courts are, according to the figures supplied by the Accountant General Rs. 6,69,262 and the total charges Rs. 7,02,453 during the year under report disclosing an excess of Rs. 33,191 in the expenditure over receipts.

10. The number of offences and offenders reported during the year under review shows a decrease as compared with the preceding year, the figures being :—

Year.	Offences reported.	Offenders.
1916	26,261	48,477
1917	24,122	42,905
	—2,139	—5,572

There is a decrease in the number of offences as well as of offenders in cases returned as true and also a slight improvement in the proportion of such cases to the total number reported :—

Year.	Offences returned as true.	Number of offenders returned as true.
1916	23,656	40,969
1917	22,224	37,611
	—1,432	—3,358

11. There was a corresponding decrease in the number of trials from 25,705 to 23,585, and in the number of persons tried from 44,918 to 40,443 ; and also in the number of persons remaining under trial at the end of the year under report from 2,593 to 2,482. The total number of persons under trial during the year under review before the several Criminal Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner was 40,915.

The following table exhibits the result as contrasted with the figures in 1916 :—

Year	Total number of persons under trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	
			On regular trial.	On summary trial.
1916 ...	45,516	24,963	8,488	8,460
1917 ...	40,915	22,502	8,051	7,137
	—4,601	—2,461	—437	—1,323

The percentage of convictions has not altered.

12. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1917 as contrasted with those in 1916 :—

Year.	Death.	Transportation.	Imprisonment.		Fine.	Whipping.	Persons ordered to furnish security.	Persons imprisoned for default.
			Rigorous.	Simple.				
1916	15	50	3,721	144	11,812	264	1,071	760
1917	12	49	3,393	194	10,774	189	817	514

The fines in 1917 amounted to Rs. 1,17,285-8-8 as against Rs. 1,21,571-10-8 in 1916 and compensation paid to accused persons in 1917 amounted to Rs. 9,721-2-11 as against Rs. 17,894-2-10 in 1916.

13. Particulars as to results of trials in the different districts (including the 30 persons in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner) are given in the following table :—

District of	Under trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province or Presidency.	Remaining under trial.	On dormant file.	Remarks.
Karachi	12,674*	4,346	7,894	19	414	40	* Includes 1 person handed over to the Military authorities.
Hyderabad	7,551	4,464	2,378	164	545	...	
Thar and Parkar ...	1,869	1,194	483	40	152	...	
Nawabshah	3,910	2,527	901	7	475	...	
Larkana	8,243	6,194	1,374	8	667	16	
Sukkur	4,480	2,615	1,653	30	182	17	
Upper Sind Frontier ...	1,686	1,157	488	2	39	5	
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.	30	5	17	.....	8	...	
Total ...	40,443	22,502	15,188	270	2,482	78	

14. The following statement shows the work done by several Sessions Courts (including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner) for the last 3 years :—

District of	1915.				1916.				1917.			
	Cases.		Appeals.		Cases.		Appeals.		Cases.		Appeals.	
	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.
Karachi	39	35	181	176	35	37	252	245	35	36	192	199
Hyderabad	136	132	536	531	118	131	357	363	125	125	372	388
Sukkur	57	54	173	167	67	74	177	177	61	61	127	137
Larkana	79	74	124	127	58	56	110	107	47	52	88	89

15. The number of offences affecting life and attempts at such offences fell from 202 to 199 in the year under report. A large portion of this class of crime especially in Sukkur, Larkana and Upper Sind Frontier Districts, arose from intrigues or supposed intrigues with women. The following statement shows the cases of murders and their motives during the year under report :—

District.	From motives connected with women.	Other causes.
Karachi	3	5
Hyderabad	4	21
Thar and Parkar	5	6
Nawabshah	4	22
Larkana	16	25
Sukkur	11	7
Upper Sind Frontier	37	10

16. There was an increase in the number of offences under the following heads :—

1. False evidence and offences against public justice, Chapter XI.
2. Offences relating to weights and measures, Chapter XIII.
3. Offences affecting life.
4. Causing of miscarriage; injuries to unborn children; exposure of infants and the concealment of births.
5. Kidnapping; forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.
6. Rape.
7. Unnatural offence.
8. Criminal misappropriation.
9. Criminal Breach of Trust.
10. Cheating.

11. Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.
12. Criminal Trespass.
13. Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks, Chapter XVIII.
14. Offences relating to marriage, Chapter XX.
15. Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance, Chapter XXII.

There was a decrease in the number of offences under the following heads :—

1. Offences against the public tranquility, Chapter VIII.
2. Offences by, or relating to, public servants, Chapter IX.
3. Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter X.
4. Offences relating to coins, Chapter XII.
5. Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV.
6. Offences relating to religion, Chapter XV.
7. Hurt.
8. Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.
9. Criminal force and assault.
10. Theft.
11. Extortion.
12. Robbery and dacoity.
13. Receiving of stolen property.
14. Mischief.
15. House breaking.
16. Defamation, Chapter XXI.
17. Offences under Special and Local Laws.

17. Security bonds under Chapter VIII of the Criminal Procedure Code were taken in 399 cases as against 564 of the previous year.

18. The number of frivolous and vexatious accusations dealt with summarily under Section 250, Criminal Procedure Code in the year under report was 155 as against 148 in 1916.

19. Applications for orders for maintenance fell from 118 in 1916 to 100 in the year under report. The orders granted numbered 5.

20. The number of individual appeals disposed of in the year under report was 1,814 that is 277 less than in the preceding year. Out of these the sentences were left unaltered in 1,398 cases and were reversed or varied in 410. The sentences were maintained intact in 79·3 per cent. of appeals as against 78·48 per cent. in the previous year.

The above appeals were thus distributed :—

1.	Magistrate's Court	571
2.	Sessions Courts (including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner)	1,073
3.	Court of the Judicial Commissioner (High Court Jurisdiction)	170

The Criminal Appeals in the Sessions Courts and in the Magistrates Courts show a decrease of 140 and 78 respectively while those in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner show a decrease of 59.

21. During the year under report cases of 200 persons were examined in revision by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction). The Sessions Court examined the cases of 355 and the District Magistrates of 31 persons. The principal results of this revision were that 16 sentences were reversed and 12 sentences were reduced or otherwise altered and in the case of 8 persons proceedings were quashed and in the case of 49 persons new trials or further inquiries were ordered.

22. The following table shows the Criminal work (apart from inspection of Magistrates' Courts) disposed of by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction) in the year under report as compared with that of 1916 and the arrears at the end of the year.

Serial No.	Description of work.	Arrears on 31st December 1915.	1916. Filed.	1916. Disposed of.	Arrears on 31st December 1916.	1917. Filed.	1917. Disposed of.	Arrears on 31st December 1917.	Remarks.
1	Criminal appeals	9	127	118	18	122	124*	16	* This includes 4 appeals transferred to Bombay High Court.
2	Cases under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	2	3	...	2	2	...	
3	Confirmation cases	...	32	27	5	19	18	6	
4	Reported cases, section 215, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	Reported cases, section 438, Criminal Procedure Code.	3	36	34	5	38	42	1	
6	Criminal Revision on Court's own motion.	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	
7	Criminal Revision on application .	12	102	103	11	101	107	5	
8	Criminal applications, section 498, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	6	6	...	7	7	...	
9	Criminal transfer applications, section 526, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	21	21	1	27	28	...	

The cases of 28 persons were referred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind for confirmation of the sentence of death. In the case of 12 the sentence of death was confirmed, in the case of 4 it was commuted to transportation for life and in the case of 4 the convictions and sentences were reversed and the accused acquitted and the cases of 8 persons were pending at the close of the year. The cases of 2 persons were referred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code, of whom 1 person was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for 7 years and the other was acquitted.

Civil Justice.

23. The total number of civil suits instituted in Sind during the year under report was 25,156 as compared with 28,766 in 1916. The number in each of the District Courts, including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court, Jurisdiction) filed in the two years was :—

District Court of	1916.	1917.
Hyderabad	11	7
Sukkur	12	7
Larkana	18	1
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind, (District Court Jurisdiction)	578	539

24. The following table shows the nature of suits principally filed in the Province during the years 1916 and 1917. Suits relating to immovable property formed 2·8 per cent. only of the total number of suits filed, the percentage being the same as in the pevious year :—

Nature.	1916.	1917.
Money and movable property	25,960	22,873
Mortgage	915	778
Immovable property	847	713

25. The total value of suits filed during the year under report was Rs. 81,87,563-6-9½ as compared with Rs. 86,72,268-4-2 in 1916.

26. The total number of suits disposed of in Civil Courts in Sind was 25,781 as against 29,955 in the preceding year. The following table exhibits

the manner of disposal in 1917 as compared with year 1916. The percentage of contested suits is slightly higher but that of suits decreed *ex parte* remained practically the same :—

Manner of disposal.	1916.	1917.
Without trial	7,831	7,056
Compromised	11,083	9,009
Decreed on confession	1,020	870
Decreed *ex parte*	3,500	3,058
Dismissed *ex parte*	180	119
By arbitration	1,616	1,509
Contested	4,724	4,160

27. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 5,150 out of which 2,741 were pending for more than 3 months.

28. The average duration of contested and uncontested suits in the District Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction) shows an improvement being 152·21 and 61·34 days respectively in the year under report as against 379·25 and 283·32 days respectively in 1916.

29. The number of miscellaneous judicial cases for disposal before the Court was 907 as against 927 in 1916. The number disposed of was 682 as against 690 in 1916.

30. The number of civil appeals before the District Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction) was 600 as against 609 in 1916. Of these 473 were disposed of as compared with 282 in 1916. The number of civil appeals disposed of during the year under report as contrasted with the preceding year is as follows :—

District of	1916.	1917.
Hyderabad	76	219
Sukkur	149	173
Larkana	46	63
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	11	18

31. The average duration of appeals in the District Courts during the year under report was 216·58 days and in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (District Court Jurisdiction) 283·13 and (High Court Jurisdiction) 372·08. The corresponding figures for the year 1916 were 328·34; 419·46 and 362·04.

32. There were in all 20,273 applications for execution before the civil courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind as against 22,407 in 1916. Of these 17,487 were disposed of as against 19,368 in 1916. The amount realised in execution of decrees during the year under report was Rs. 4,66,970-12-9 compared with Rs. 4,51,990-1-1 in the year 1916. Movable property was sold in 173 cases as against 158 in 1916 and attached but subsequently released in 239 as against 260 in 1916.

33. The following table shows the civil work (apart from the inspection of the civil courts) disposed of by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (High Court Jurisdiction) during the year under report as contrasted with that of 1916 and the arrears awaiting disposal :—

High Court Jurisdiction.

Description of work.	Arrears on 31st December 1915.	1916. Filed.	1916. Disposed of.	Arrears on 31st December 1916.	1917. Filed.	1917. Disposed of	Arrears on 31st December 1917.	Remarks.
First appeals	60	41	30	71	43	26	88	
Second appeals	41	40	26	55	68	35	88	
Miscellaneous appeals	18	13	17	14	14	19	9	

Description of work.	Arrears on 31st December 1915.	1916.		Arrears on 31st December 1916.	1917.		Arrears on 31st December 1917.	Remarks.
		Filed.	Disposed of		Filed.	Disposed of		
Applications under section 115, Civil Procedure Code.	5	29	20	14	56	53	17	
Do. " section 22, Civil Procedure Code.	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	
Do. Order 41, Rule 19, Civil Procedure Code.	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Do. section 25, Act IX of 1887.	10	40	23	27	2	2	27	
Do. Act VII of 1913...	...	4	4	...	6	6	...	
Do. section 14 (2) Act VIII of 1890.	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Do. sections 24 and 25, Civil Procedure Code.	...	10	6	4	7	9	2	
Do. Order 44, Rule 2, Civil Procedure Code.	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	
Do. section 114, Order 47, Rule 1, Civil Procedure Code.	2	2	3	1	...	1	...	
Do. Order 45, Rule 2, Civil Procedure Code.	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	
Do. Act XII of 1866 .	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	
Do. Act X of 1865 ...	...	1	1	...	13	12	1	

General.

34. There has been a decrease both in criminal and civil work in the year under report. This was probably due in the one case to the exodus of the more adventurous criminals to Mesopotamia and in the other to the sickly season.

The Magistrates might with advantage make more use of the provisions of section 106 of the Criminal Procedure Code in cases of convictions involving a breach of the peace ; and of section 545 for the compensation of complainants especially in cases of cattle theft. Nearly half of the civil litigation consists of suits of a money value of Rs. 50 or less. It seems a pity that some less expensive machinery than that of our Courts cannot be devised to deal with this class of work. Many of the suits are based on banias' accounts and it has been found necessary to issue the appended circular for the guidance of Sub-Judges who are inclined to attach too high a probative value to these books.

THAWARDAS DAYARAM,
Registrar.

No. A.—653 OF 1918.

COURT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF SIND.

Karachi, 22nd/30th April 1918.

From

THAWARDAS DAYARAM, ESQUIRE,
Registrar,
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

To

THE DISTRICT JUDGES.

Sir,

The Judicial Commissioner has noticed considerable laxity of practice in the trial of suits on accounts and desires that all Sub-Judges should pay more attention to the provisions of section 34, Indian Evidence Act.

2. Except in the special case when they are relevant under section 32 (*2*), Indian Evidence Act (I. L. R. 28 Bombay 294) accounts even though regularly kept in the course of business are not sufficient evidence of a claim unless corroborated.

3. The corroboration should be of each entry of the account. Corroboration of one item does not ordinarily justify the Court in dispensing with corroboration of other items.

4. It is not sufficient for a plaintiff to make a vague general statement that his account is true. This may be formal proof of the account; but it is not evidence corroborative of any item and does not amount to proof of any of the transactions in the account even in an *ex parte* suit.

5. The corroboration should be by substantive evidence independent of the account such as plaintiff himself if he has personal knowledge or any other witness of the transaction who can speak to payment or delivery. A favourite method of supplying corroborative evidence is by proof of an acknowledgment of liability. This sort of evidence is easily procured and should be treated with suspicion especially in cases where the other party is ignorant or illiterate and the acknowledgment is not in writing and marked by his finger print. Banias and money lenders should be encouraged to record the finger prints of their clients on every agreement or admission entered in their accounts.

6. In suits against agriculturists these acknowledgments of liability should not ordinarily be accepted as sufficient corroboration of the account for section 12 of the Deccan Agriculturist Relief Act makes it the duty of the Judge to satisfy himself as to the merits of the case irrespective of the pleas and admissions of the defendant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) THAWARDAS DAYARAM,
Registrar.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of Officers on the last day of the year 1917,

Name of Presidency.		Area.	Population.	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Courts but superior to the Chief Courts of Districts.	Number of Districts.	Number of Sub-Districts.	Total Number of Officers exercising Original or Appellate Jurisdiction.				
							Judges of Chief Court of Province.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other Subordinate Courts.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Presidency of Bombay.	Territory subject to the High Court. Civil ...	77,275	16,113,042	...	15	103	(a) 7	...	(c) 17	(e) 40	(g)100
	Territory not subject to the High Court. Civil ...	47,789	3,513,435	...	4	14	(b) 3	...	(d) 5	(f) 8	13
	Total ...	125,064	19,626,477	...	19	117	10	...	22	48	(h)113

Notes.—Column 1.—Sub-head "Total."—The entries to be made here will show the area and population of the entire Presidency, total work done by them, with the financial results.

Columns 16 and 17.—The Judicial receipts and charges should be shown as a whole, just as they appear in the Treasury

Statement showing the number of Judicial Officers exercising Original and Appellate

Designation.	Europeans.
Chief Justice and High Court Judges	5
Judicial Commissioner and Additional Judicial Commissioners in Sind.	3
District Judges	13
Joint Judges	3
Assistant Judges	3
Small Cause Court Judges	.....
Subordinate Judges, First Class	.....
Subordinate Judges, Second Class	.....

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side,
Bombay, 11th October 1918.

No. 1—(Civil).

exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Presidency of Bombay with the cost of Tribunals.

Total Number of Cases decided.				Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.	Remarks.
Original.		Appeals.				
Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	(*a*) Includes the Chief Justice. (*b*) Includes the two Additional Judicial Commissioners of Sind. (*c*) Includes 2 Joint Judges. The District Judge of Poona is also *ex-officio* Agent for the Sardárs in the Deccan.
135,815	143,460	6,615	253	52,71,413 0 0	*43,78,267 0 0	(*d*) Includes 2 Joint Judges. (*e*) Includes 8 Assistant Judges, 8 Small Cause Court Judges, 18 First Class Subordinate Judges, 3 Registrars and 3 Cantonment Magistrates, but does not include 2 Inspecting First Class Subordinate Judges who do not exercise Appellate or Original Jurisdiction.
25,781	18,223	534	66	6,69,262 0 0	7,02,453 0 0	(*f*) Includes 2 Assistant Judges, 1 Small Cause Court Judge, 3 First Class Sub-Judges, 1 Registrar and 1 Cantonment Magistrate exercising civil powers. (*g*) 2 Inspecting Second Class Subordinate Judges who do not exercise Appellate or Original Jurisdiction are not included.
161,596	(*i*) 161,683	7,149	319	59,40,675 0 0	50,80,720 0 0	(*h*) Besides these, there were five Inámdárs and Jahágirdárs exercising civil powers. (*i*) Includes all applications for execution of decrees and applications under the Provincial Insolvency Act III of 1907. * This includes Rs. 12,42,000 being the fixed adjustment debitable to Criminal Courts as per Government Resolution, Financial Department, No. 513, dated 5th February 1914, both for the Presidency proper and Sind.

the average number of Districts and Sub-Districts for civil purposes, the actual number of persons exercising jurisdiction, and the accounts, care being taken that the charges on account of buildings are included in column 17.

Jurisdiction, both Europeans and Indians, in the Presidency of Bombay, including Sind.

Indians.	Remarks.
2	Besides these, there were 3 Indian Registrars, 1 European Registrar and 4 European Cantonment Magistrates exercising Civil powers.
.....	
5	
1	
7	
9	
21	
113	

M. A. RANDELIA,
Assistant Registrar.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of Officers on the last day of the year 1917

Name of Presidency.		Area.	Population.	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Courts but superior to the Chief Courts of Districts.	Number of Districts.	Number of Sub-Districts.	Total Number of Officers exercising Original or Appellate Jurisdiction.				
							Judges of Chief Court of Province.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other Subordinate Courts.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Presidency of Bombay.	Territory subject to the High Court. Criminal.	(a)	(c)	...	20	187	(e) 7	...	(g) 46	(i) 65	(k) 407
	Territory not subject to the High Court. Criminal.	(b)	(d)	...	7	62	(f) 3	...	(h) 14	(j) 19	(l) 144
	Total ...	...	.....	...	27	249	10	...	60	84	551*

Notes.—Column 1.—Sub-head "Total."—The entries to be made here will show the area and population of the entire Presidency, and the total work done by them, with the financial results.

Columns 16 and 17.—The Judicial receipts and charges should be shown as a whole, just as they appear in the Treasury

Statement showing the number of Judicial Officers exercising Original and Appellate

Designation.	Europeans.
Chief Justice and High Court Judges	5
Judicial Commissioner and Additional Judicial Commissioners in Sind.	3
Sessions Judges	13
Additional Sessions Judges	6
Assistant Sessions Judges	...
Magistrates, First Class*	87
,, Second Class*	7
,, Third Class*	2
Police Patels	...

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side,
Bombay, 11th October 1918.

No. 1—(CRIMINAL).

exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Presidency of Bombay with the cost of Tribunals.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES DECIDED.				Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.	REMARKS.
Original.		Appeals.				
Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	(*a*) to (*d*). See columns 2 and 3 of Statement No. 1—(Civil).
136,892	2,501	2,075	864	52,71,413 0 0	(*m*)43,78,267 0 0	(*e*) and (*f*). See column 7 of Statement No. 1—(Civil).
						(*g*) and (*h*). These are District Magistrates, Presidency Magistrates, Deputy Commissioner in Sind, Sessions Judges and Additional Sessions Judges.
						(*i*) and (*j*). These are Assistant Collectors, Deputy Collectors and Assistant Sessions Judges.
						(*k*) and (*l*). These are all Stipendiary 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Magistrates other than those shown in columns 9 and 10.
22,327	332	1,280	279	6,69,262 0 0	7,02,153 0 0	(*m*) This includes Rs.12,42,000 being the fixed adjustment debitable to Criminal Courts as per Government Resolution, Financial Department, No. 513, dated the 5th February 1914, both for the Presidency Proper and Sind.
						* Besides these, there were 37 Special and 536 Honorary Magistrates, 21,441 Police Patils and 279 Sanitary Committees and Sanitary Boards.
						† These are all cases of Revision under the Code of Criminal Procedure.
159,219	†2,833	4,255	‡1,143	59,40,675 0 0	50,80,720 0 0	‡ Excluding 1,347 cases under sections 107, 108, 109, 110, 118, 120 and 123 of Chapter VIII, Criminal Procedure Code, which are shown in statement No. 2 as well as statement No. 3.

the average number of Districts and Sub-Districts for criminal purposes, the actual number of persons exercising jurisdiction, accounts, care being taken that the charges on account of buildings are included in column 17.

Jurisdiction, both Europeans and Indians, in the Presidency of Bombay, including Sind.

Indians.	Remarks.
2	
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5	
6	
2	
291	* These include 25 District Magistrates, 4 Presidency Magistrates, 1 Deputy Commissioner in Sind, 30 Assistant Collectors, 52 Deputy Collectors, 37 Special Magistrates and 536 Honorary Magistrates.
397	
452	
21,441	

M. A. RANDELIA,
Assistant Registrar.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 2—(CRIMINAL).

Statement of Offences reported and of Persons tried, convicted and acquitted of each class of offence in the Presidency of Bombay, in the year 1917.

Description of Offence.	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true.	Cases found to be true of offences reported in and pending from the previous year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Number of Persons					Remarks.				
					Under trial during the year, including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.	Complaints dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	Complainants fined under section 250, Criminal Procedure Code.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	2	3	3a	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Offences against the State—Chapter VI of the Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to the Army and Navy—Chapter VII of the Indian Penal Code ...	3	3	...	3	8	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity—Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code ...	1,211	1,049	126	1,186	6,111	3,201	2,329	37	544	133	38	6	31	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
Offences by or relating to Public Servants—Chapter IX of the Indian Penal Code ...	102	96	8	103	170	68	78	1	23	5	...	...	1	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Contempts of the lawful authority of Public Servants—Chapter X of the Indian Penal Code	436	427	27	450	852	262	527	5	58	4	...	2	2	1
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
False evidence and offences against public justice—Chapter XI of the Indian Penal Code	798	717	70	797	1,027	422	496	12	97	71	4	8	3	1
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to coins—Chapter XII of the Indian Penal Code	49	48	1	52	69	24	45	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to Government Stamps—Chapter XII of the Indian Penal Code ...	3	1	...	1	2	...	2	...	...	2	...	..	...	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to weights and measures—Chapter XIII of the Indian Penal Code...	79	77	5	81	92	37	50	...	5	2	...	...	...	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals—Chapter XIV of the Indian Penal Code ...	1,004	977	40	1,021	1,366	261	956	6	43	24	1	4	2	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to religion—Chapter XV of the Indian Penal Code	42	33	1	36	70	37	24	...	9	6	1	...	...	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Offences affecting life ...	587	552	75	742	1,243	509	581	24	129	15	1	4	15	5
Attempts at do. ...	21	20	3	34	57	31	25	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Causing of miscarriage, injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and the concealment of births ..	74	69	1	80	128	63	54	...	11	2	...	...	...	...
Attempts at do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Hurt	17,028	14,179	532	14,745	35,506	30,703	3,544	55	1,199	2,561	320	8	46	1
Attempts at do. ...	36	36	...	37	69	50	18	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement ...	732	527	26	563	1,347	1,078	213	1	55	180	17	1	...	...
Attempts at do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal force and assault ...	4,503	3,867	67	3,946	7,784	6,709	935	3	137	585	39	1	2	...
Attempts at do. ...	2	2	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour	342	237	24	269	695	396	213	2	84	95	...	...	...	1
Attempts at do. ...	2	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rape	74	65	5	76	107	58	40	...	9	6	1	...	...	...
Attempts at do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unnatural offence ...	41	41	2	43	55	23	31	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Attempts at do. ...	2.	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 2—(CRIMINAL)—*continued.*

Description of Offence.	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true.	Cases found to be true of offences reported in and pending from the previous year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Number of Persons					Remarks.				
					Under trial during the year, including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.	Complaints dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	Complainants fined under section 250, Criminal Procedure Code.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	2	3	3a	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Theft	11,301	10,757	367	11,129	(a) 15,850	3,935	11,053	57	754	374	114	14	34	9
Attempts at do.	34	34	1	35	42	6	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Extortion	91	54	7	67	153	89	42	...	22	31	...	...	...	...
Attempts at do.	1	1	...	1	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robbery and dacoity	393	311	30	349	985	444	380	6	155	59	18	2	2	2
Attempts at do.	6	5	...	6	20	3	10	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal misappropriation of property	673	400	28	428	649	370	231	2	46	260	10	2	...	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal breach of trust	1,627	1,269	50	1,313	1,572	667	766	16	123	329	11	2	3	11
Attempts at do.	8	8	...	8	9	4	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving of stolen property.	1,445	1,410	70	1,480	2,007	609	1,277	5	117	23	6	...	5	...
Attempts at do.	1	1	...	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cheating	1,052	745	50	801	1,114	564	469	12	69	282	15	5	3	4
Attempts at do.	6	6	...	6	7	1	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property	39	34	4	38	127	118	9	...	...	5	...	...	...	...
Attempts at do.	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Mischief	2,833	2,243	81	2,323	5,988	5,015	619	18	336	533	56	2	16	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal trespass	2,780	2,342	108	2,465	4,970	3,217	1,517	12	224	332	62	5	5	2
Attempts at do.	11	10	1	11	13	5	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks—Chapter XVIII of the Indian Penal Code	132	106	14	133	191	90	64	1	36	23	...	1	...	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal breach of contracts of service—Chapter XIX of the Indian Penal Code	26	19	...	19	64	58	6	...	...	7	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to marriage—Chapter XX of the Indian Penal Code	1,666	1,200	173	1,378	3,411	2,840	168	20	383	447	14	5	15	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defamation—Chapter XXI of the Indian Penal Code	338	244	7	249	586	504	25	...	57	94	1	...	...	...
Attempts at do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance—Chapter XXII of the Indian Penal Code	4,526	3,265	96	3,395	7,016	6,232	608	6	170	1,188	43	3	3	...
Attempts at do.	1	1	...	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences under Special and Local Laws—														
Apprentices Act XIX of 1850 ...(India)	2	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arms Act XI of 1878... ... ... ,,	240	238	10	249	283	45	224	...	14	...	...	...	...	...
Births, Deaths and Marriages Act VI of 1886 ... ... ,,	1	1	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breaches of Contract Act XIII of 1859 ... ... ,,	2,026	1,876	164	2,071	2,219	1,578	319	7	315	135	1	1	6	...
Cantonment Act XIII of 1889 ... ,,	2,194	2,188	4	2,192	3,314	214	3,089	1	10	6	...	1	...	...
Cantonment Rules of 1899 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cattle Trespass Act I of 1871 ... ,,	2,233	1,995	41	2,035	5,049	3,964	950	5	130	177	89	1	4	...
Civil Procedure Code Act V of 1908. ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coasting Vessels (Bombay) Act XIX of 1838 ... ... ,,	12	12	...	12	13	2	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Court Fees Act VII of 1870 ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) One sent to Military authorities.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 2—(CRIMINAL)—*continued.*

Description of Offence.	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true.	Cases found to be true of offences reported in and pending from the previous year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Number of Persons					Remarks.				
					Under trial during the year, including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.	Complaints dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	Complainants fined under section 250, Criminal Procedure Code.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	2	3	3a	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Criminal Procedure Code Act V of 1898 ... ...(India.)	1,321	1,293	84	1,385	3,721	892	2,482	77	270	15	...	5	72	...
Criminal Tribes Act III of 1911 ... ,,	626	626	24	650	753	72	648	1	32	...	...	1	...	...
Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act XVII of 1879 ... ... ,,	13	13	...	13	15	11	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
European Vagrancy Act IX of 1874... ,,	99	99	...	99	100	4	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Electricity Act IX of 1910 ... ... ,,	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Factories Act XV of 1881 ... ... ,,	73	73	1	74	84	20	61	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Foreigners' Act III of 1864 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forest Act VII of 1878... ... ... ,,	1,692	1,629	55	1,609	3,355	935	2,248	19	153	52	...	5	14	...
Indian Companies Act VII of 1913 ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indian Explosive Act IV of 1884 ... ,,	9	9	...	9	9	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indian Lepers Act III of 1898 ... ,,	149	149	...	149	149	1	148	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indian Merchandise Marks Act IV of 1889 ... ... ,,	2	2	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indian Official Secrets Act XV of 1889 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indian Steamship Act V of 1884 ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Land Customs (Bombay) Act XXIX of 1857 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lunatic Asylum Act XXXVI of 1858 ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Merchants Seamen Act I of 1859 ... ,,	55	54	...	54	221	67	154	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Merchants Shipping Act VII of 1880 ... ... ,,	51	50	...	50	138	9	129	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Murder of Female Infants Act VIII of 1870 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Native Passenger Ships Act X of 1887 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Opium Act I of 1878 ... ... ,,	446	444	3	447	525	28	486	...	11	1	1	...	...	...
Petroleum Act VIII of 1899 ... ... ,,	2	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Police Act V of 1861 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ports Act XV of 1908 ... ... ,,	18	18	...	18	18	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Post Office Act VI of 1898 ... ... ,,	18	18	2	19	27	8	16	2	1	...	...	1	...	1
Presidency Small Cause Courts Act XV of 1882 ... ... ,,	10	5	...	5	6	5	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act XI of 1890 ... ... ,,	12,953	12,931	5	12,837	12,962	167	12,765	4	26	16	...	3	1	...
Printing Presses and Books Act XXV of 1867 as amended by Act X of 1890 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prisons Act IX of 1894 ... ... ,,	23	20	...	21	22	1	20	1	...	2	...	...	1	...
Presidency Towns Insolvency Act III of 1909 ... ... ,,	3	2	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Railway Act IX of 1890... ... ... ,,	691	685	6	689	1,070	101	811	100	58	4	4	40	60	...
Registration Act XVI of 1908 ... ... ,,	3	3	2	5	16	8	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Salt Act XII of 1882 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sea Customs Act VIII of 1878 ... ,,	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stage Carriages Act XVI of 1861 ... ,,	57	57	1	58	59	6	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stamp Act II of 1899 ... ... ,,	22	21	1	22	31	3	28	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Telegraph Act XIII of 1885 ... ... ,,	2	2	...	2	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transport of Salt by Sea Act XVI of 1879 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Treasure Trove Act VI of 1878 ... ,,	3	3	...	3	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wild Birds' and Animals Protection Act VIII of 1912 ... ... ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abkári Act V of 1878 ... ...(Bombay).	3,051	3,034	40	3,073	3,325	272	3,011	2	40	2	...	2	...	...
Boiler Inspection Act II of 1891 ... ,,	2	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
City of Bombay Police Act IV of 1902 ... ... ,,	26,117	26,019	...	25,720	28,666	858	27,801	7	...	...	...	7	...	...
District Police Acts VII of 1867 and IV of 1890 ... ... ,,	13,384	13,328	464	13,775	16,215	1,452	13,596	329	838	36	3	120	209	...
Frontier (Sind) Regulation III of 1892 ... ... ,,	40	40	1	41	110	24	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 2—(CRIMINAL)—*concluded.*

Description of Offence.	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true.	Cases found to be true of offences reported in and pending from the previous year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Number of Persons					Remarks.				
					Under trial during the year, including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.	Complaints dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	Complainants fined under section 250, Criminal Procedure Code.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	2	3	3a	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Gambling Act IV of 1887 as amended by Act I of 1890 ... ...(Bombay).	791	789	4	793	2,793	340	2,435	1	22	2	...	...	1	...
Irrigation Act VII of 1879 ... ... „	104	102	9	109	214	52	123	...	39	1	...	...	...	...
Jail Acts II of 1874 and IX of 1894 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Land Revenue Code Act V of 1879 . „	58	56	2	56	86	14	58	...	14	2	...	...	...	...
Markets and Fairs Act IV of 1862... „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Motor Vehicles Act II of 1904 ... „	598	596	3	599	605	120	478	...	7	1	...	...	...	...
Municipal (District) Act III of 1901 ... ... „	20,240	20,175	534	20,681	21,398	2,425	17,055	974	944	60	1	352	622	...
Municipal (Bombay) Act III of 1888 ... ... „	11,085	11,033	...	10,633	10,633	4,273	6,342	18	...	52	...	18	...	...
Municipal Servants Act V of 1890 ... „	17	17	...	17	18	5	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Police Regulation XII of 1827 ... „	15	15	4	19	19	4	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Trust Acts VI of 1879 and VI of 1883 ... ... „	17	17	...	17	17	1	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Trust (Karachi) Act VII of 1886 ... ... „	183	183	...	183	191	23	162	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Prevention of Adulteration Act II of 1899 ... ... „	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Public Conveyance Act VI of 1863. „	9,806	9,789	74	9,838	10,014	596	9,173	54	191	15	1	33	21	...
Public Ferries Act II of 1868 as amended by Act II of 1878 ... „	8	8	1	9	20	10	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Sales of Poisons Act VIII of 1866... „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salt Act II of 1890 ... ... „	110	110	27	111	117	3	114	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tolls Act III of 1875 ... ... „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tramways Act I of 1874 ... ... „	4	4	...	4	4	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempts at do. ... ... „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tramways (Karáchi) Act II of 1883 ... ... „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vaccination (Karáchi) Act IV of 1879 ... ... „	4	4	...	4	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Vaccination Act I of 1877 ... ... „	88	88	2	90	93	1	74	8	10	...	...	6	2	...
Vessels Plying on the Indus Act I of 1863 ... ... „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Police Act VIII of 1867 ... „	2,129	2,102	94	2,144	3,287	1,804	1,417	1	65	...	...	1	...	...
Village Sanitation Act I of 1889 ... „	224	220	...	220	227	27	200	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
44 and 45 Vic. Chap. 58 Statute ... „	8	8	...	8	(a)8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
57 and 58 Vic. Chap. 60 Statute ... „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defence of India Act IV of 1915 ... „	29	28	2	31	46	9	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ordinance No. III of 1914 ... ... „	7	7	...	7	8	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ordinance No. I of 1917 ... ... „	7	7	...	7	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defence Force Act III of 1917 ... „	2	2	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	169,343	159,799	3,765	162,954	*233,765	89,240	134,489	1,913	8,114	8,272	871	672	1,201	40

(a) 8 sent to Military authorities.
* Of these, 9 sent to Military authorities.

NOTES.—Column 1.—(1) "Attempts" should be entered immediately after the offences to which they relate.
(2) "Abetments" should be included with the substantive offences abetted.
(3) When giving the list of Special and Local Laws against which offences have been committed, care should be taken to specify the title of each Act quoted, as well as its number and year. An Act of a local legislature should be distinguished by initial letters placed after the number of the Act.

Column 2.—All offences (cases) of which information was given, complaint made, or cognizance taken under Chapters IV, V, XIV, XVI, Cr. P. C., for the first time during the year are to be shown, although some of the charges may not have been prosecuted, or may have turned out to be false.

Column 3.—This column should be the total of column 2 less the number of cases dismissed under section 203, Cr. P. C., and less all other cases in which a *Magistrate* declared that the charge was false, and that the offence never occurred, or which were dismissed as frivolous and vexatious and in which the complainant was fined under section 250, Cr. P. C.

Column 5.—This column should be the total of columns 6 to 9.

Column 8.—Persons transferred from one Court to another *in the same province* are not to be entered in this column. A note should be added in the column of remarks, showing respectively the number of persons who died, escaped or were transferred.

General.—Cases committed or referred should not be included in this statement by the committing or referring Magistrates. The results of the trials in these cases should be shown by the Courts to which the cases are committed or referred. If the total of column 13 of Statement No. 4 be deducted from the total of column 2 of that Statement, the difference should correspond with the total of column 5 of this statement.

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side,
Bombay, 11th October 1918.

M. A. RANDELIA,
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Statement to be added as footnote to Annual Judicial Statement No. II (Criminal), as directed by Government in their letter No. 3464, dated 8th July 1901.

Discharged.

Section 118.	Section 119.	Section 203.	Section 209.	Section 213.	Section 253.	Section 259.	Section 302.	Section 494.	Section 495.	Special and Local Laws.
11	671	323	810	5	13,934	3,460	21	121	5	213

Acquitted.

Section 119.	Section 240.	Section 245.	Section 247.	Section 248.	Section 258.	Section 259.	Section 289.	Section 305.	Section 306.
86	2	7,774	3,165	11,023	4,745	25	7	19	132

Acquitted—*continued.*

Section 307.	Section 308.	Section 345.	Section 374.	Section 376.	Section 470.	Section 494.	Section 495.	Special and Local Laws.	Total.
4	376	41,064	9	4	1	440	39	751	89,240

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, Bombay, 11th October 1918.

M. A. RANDELIA,
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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 2-A—(CRIMINAL).

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of European British subjects in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

Description of Offence.	Persons whose cases were disposed of											Of the total number of persons shown in							Columns 11 and 12.				
	By District Magistrates and other First Class Magistrates.				By Courts of Session.			By High Court.		Total for all Courts.		Columns 2 to 5.			Columns 6 to 8.		Columns 9 and 10.		Number whose cases were disposed of by				
			Committed.																Magistrates.		Sessions Judges.		
	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	To Courts of Session.	To High Court.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under section 449 (2) of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, section 451 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number of those in column 13 whose cases were transferred under section 451 (2) of the Code.	Number who claimed a mixed number of assessors, section 460 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, section 460 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Being European-British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Offences against the State, Chapter VI of the Indian Penal Code	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Offences relating to the Army and Navy, Chapter VII, Indian Penal Code	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII, Indian Penal Code	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapter IX, Indian Penal Code	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter X, Indian Penal Code	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
False evidence and offences against public justice, Chapter XI, Indian Penal Code	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	
Offences relating to Coin and Government Stamps, Chapter XII, Indian Penal Code	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Offences relating to weights and measures, Chapter XIII, Indian Penal Code	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV, Indian Penal Code	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	
Offences relating to religion, Chapter XV, Indian Penal Code	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Offences affecting life	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	
Attempts at do.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	*1	..	
Causing of miscarriage, injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and the concealment of births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Hurt	11	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	18	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	4	25	..	..	
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Criminal force and assault.	5	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	42	..	47	..	..	..	..	..	3	44	..	..	
Attempts at do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Rape	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Attempts at rape	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Unnatural offence	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Theft	21	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	4	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	2	23	..	..	
Extortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Robbery and dacoity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Criminal misappropriation of property	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	
Criminal breach of trust	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	
Receiving of stolen property	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	
Cheating	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mischief	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	..	..	
Criminal trespass	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks, Chapter XVIII, Indian Penal Code	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	
Criminal breach of contracts of service, Chapter XIX, Indian Penal Code	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Offences relating to marriage, Chapter XX	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Defamation, Chapter XXI	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	...	..	
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance, Chapter XXII	8	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	18	..	26	...	..	..	..	..	5	21	..	..	
Offences under Special and Local laws	436	118	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	436	118	...	554	..	..	..	..	..	176	378	..	..	
Total	501	220	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	501	221	..	721	..	..	..	1	..	205	516	1	..	

* The case of European British subject disposed of by the High Court is shown in column 22.

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M. A. RANDELIA,
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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 3—(CRIMINAL).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Presidency of Bombay during the year 1917.

Nature of Proceedings.	Total number of cases before the Courts during the year.	Number of persons concerned.	Number of persons discharged.	Number of persons convicted.	REMARKS.			
1	2	3	4	5	6			
					Pending.	Died.	Escaped.	
1.—Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI C and section 485.	4	4	1	2	...	...	1	
2.—Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace.	175	915	371	474	65	4	1	
3.—Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour.	1,172	2,750	548	1,953	208	1	40	
4.—Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X.	28	39	13	26	...	...	...	
5.—Possession, Chapter XII...	95	367	208	111	48	...	...	
6.—Frivolous or vexatious accusations summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, section 250.	705	949	138	809	2	...	...	
7.—Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, section 332.	12	12	8	4	...	...	...	
8.—Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	550	551	463	77	11	...	...	
9.—Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII.	1,404	1,453	36	1,412	5	...	...	
10.—Proceedings under Chapter XLVI, section 563, against convicted offenders released under section 562.	57	67	1	66	...	...	...	22 cases were pending at the close of the year.
Total ...	4,202	7,107	1,787	4,934	339	5	42	

NOTES.—Column 1, Sub-head 6.—Complainants fined under section 250 are not to be entered as convicted in Statements 2, 4 or 5, but the fact of the fines having been imposed may be noted in the column of remarks of Statement 2 against the complaints preferred by them.

Column 1, Sub-heads 2 and 3.—Cases under sections 107, 108, 109, 110, 118, 120 and 123, Criminal Procedure Code, will also appear under the appropriate head of the Schedule in Statement 2. Persons convicted under these heads and required to give security or recognizance under sections 120 and 123, Criminal Procedure Code, will also appear in Statement 5.

Column 1, Sub-heads 4, 5 and 8.—Cases under these sub-heads will not appear in Statements 2, 4 or 5. Jury cases, under Chapter X, will however appear in Statement 13.

M. A. RANDELIA,
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His Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, Bombay, 11th October 1918.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 4.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Statement showing the General Result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals

Class of Courts.	Total number of persons under trial.	PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE					
		Died, escaped or transferred to another province.	Discharged or acquitted.	Con			
				On regular trial.			
				Sentence passed.	Released on probation, section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.	Youthful offenders dealt with under section 31, Act VIII of 1897.	
						Discharged after admonition.	Delivered to parent or guardian, etc.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Village Officers	3,137	...	1,782	977	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14.	(a) 30,372	86	14,982	1,275	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly.	17,567	1,088	5,082	3,499	48	1	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly.	116,581	723	60,041	36,510	571	...	4
Benches of Magistrates	64,778	10	6,357	4,182	43	...	...
Sanitary Committees and Sanitary Boards.	227	...	27	200	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347, 349, Criminal Procedure Code.	269	...	72	182	9	1	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts ...	147	...	34	101	...	...	...
Courts of Session	2,259	6	827	1,114	1	...	...
Superior Courts	188	...	36	139	...	...	...
Total ...	*235,525	1,913	89,240	48,179	672	2	4

* Includes 9 sent to

NOTES.—Column 1.—Sub-head "Courts of Session" includes cases decided by Sessions Judges on reference under sections 31,
Column 1.—Sub-head "Superior Courts" includes cases decided by the High Court on reference under sections 307 and 374,
Column 2.—That is the total of the entries in Columns 3 to 14. The cases of persons transferred from one Court to
Column 3.—A note against the figure for each Court should be made in the column of remarks, showing separately how many
Columns 5 to 12.—Persons, whose cases were referred to a Superior Court for higher punishment or for confirmation of
they will be shown as convicted or acquitted according to the orders passed by it or as pending if orders have not been
Column 13.—These cases will also be shown against the Magistrates who made the reference, entry being made as directed
Column 14.—An insane accused, who has been sent to a Lunatic Asylum, should be kept on the file and entered in this column
Column 15.—Omit cases in which the accused died, escaped or was transferred.
Column 16.—In calculating the duration before the Magistrates' Courts the starting point to be taken is not the date of com
of days occupied should be given commencing from the date of commitment. Cases in which the accused has absconded
General.—The figures in this Statement should agree with those in Statement No. 2, and should include nothing else.

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Bombay, 11th October 1918.

No. 4—(CRIMINAL).

of various Classes in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

DISPOSED OF.					Persons remaining under trial at the end of the year.	Number of cases disposed of during the year.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.	Remarks.			
VICTED.												
On summary trial.				Committed or referred.								
Sentence passed.	Released on probation, section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.	Youthful offenders dealt with under section 31, Act VIII of 1897.										
		Discharged after admonition.	Delivered to parent or guardian, &c.									
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
									Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.	
320	...	...	...	...	58	1,984	11·5	2,761	...	...	...	
12,945	556	12	6	80	421	23,109	4·2	59,934	23	23	40	(a) 9 sent to Military Authorities.
6,427	30	1	1	75	1,315	11,510	5 5	8,918	335	753	...	
11,815	138	...	6	1,518	5,255	63,143	15·8	184,189	300	423	...	
53,012	6	347	...	6	815	57,994	2·3	75,726	9	1	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	224	1·	153	...	...	...	
...	...	1	...	...	4	132	12·7	463	...	...	...	
9	...	...	...	...	3	70	23·7	170	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	81	230	925	4·3	9,872	5	1	...	
...	...	...	...	...	13	128	27·9	530	...	...	...	
84,528	730	361	13	1,760	8,114	159,219	8·6	342,716	672	1,201	40	

Military Authorities.

34 and 123, Criminal Procedure Code.
Criminal Procedure Code.
another *in the same Province* will appear only against the Court by which decided or in which pending at the end of the year, if not decided.
accused persons were transferred to other Provinces.
sentence, will be entered in Column 13, and not in Columns 5 to 12 against the Court making the reference. Against the Court receiving the reference passed.
above.
until he has been tried and either convicted or acquitted.

plaint or information, but that of apprehension or attendance on summons or otherwise of the accused. As regards Courts of Session, the actual number before arrest or has escaped from custody should be taken off the file till the persons implicated appear again.

M. A. RANDELIA,
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JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Statement showing the Punishment inflicted by the various Criminal

Class of Tribunal.	Persons sentenced to														
				Imprisonment.											
	Death.	Transportation.	Penal Servitude.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine.	Whipping.	Persons ordered to pay fine or give security or recognizance to keep the peace or sureties for good behaviour.	Persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour.	Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	209	...	1,082	...	...	...	1,082	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates—															
Special Magistrates under section 14	...	...	...	3,111	1,710	...	5,746	708	584	9	3,409	1,790	274	172	11
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly... ...	...	...	...	365	45	...	9,518	7	136	30	8,837	636	33	11	1
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly... ...	...	...	1	11,059	720	...	35,863	337	2,708	921	28,082	6,858	738	172	13
Benches of Magistrates ..	...	...	...	631	717	...	52,333	38	168	25	51,297	1,025	9	2	...
Sanitary Boards and Sanitary Committees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	...	...	...	200	...	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—															
Cases referred under sections 347, 349, Criminal Procedure Code ...	...	...	...	128	4	...	16	33	9	...	3	9	1	3	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts	...	...	...	49	...	...	32	3	30	...	16	5	4	6	1
Courts of Session	...	171	...	797	58	...	113	8	38	36	15	35	21	30	8
Superior Courts	51	41	...	42	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	51	212	1	16,182	3,468	1	104,905	1,134	3,673	1,021	93,031	10,358	1,080	396	34

NOTES.—Column 1.—Sub-head "Courts of Session" includes cases decided by Sessions Judges on reference under section 123
Column 1.—Sub-head "Superior Courts" includes cases decided by the High Court on reference under sections 307 and
Column 19.—Includes fines realized during the year though imposed in previous years. This column is intended to show the
Column 20.—Represents compensation awarded to complainants under section 545, Act X of 1882. These awards should
General (1).—The total of columns 5, 6 and 11 should correspond with the total of columns 21 to 25 (both inclusive) and the
(2).—This statement is meant to exhibit every sentence passed, and where two penalties are inflicted on the same
convicted in Statement No. 4, it is necessary to note cases such as those in which fulfilment of contract is
tion 562, Code of Criminal Procedure, or for confirmation of sentence, the punishment, if any, sanctioned by

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Bombay, 11th October 1918.

No. 5—(CRIMINAL).

Tribunals in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

DETAIL OF PUNISHMENT.													
Fine.				Imprisonment.					Whipped.			Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.	REMARKS.
Above Rs. 1,000.	Total amount of fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of fines realized during the year.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	15 days and under.	6 months and under.	2 years and under.	7 years and under.	Above 7 years.	10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.										
...	1,191 11 0	1,155 11 0	.....	209	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	1,66,153 6 2	1,38,734 2 8	10,360 12 4	2,240	2,113	476	1	...	488	206	14	63	
...	36,317 13 7	33,858 4 5	1,701 4 4	96	285	59	...	...	5	2	...	2	
...	3,95,322 2 8	3,62,747 2 0	25,793 1 5	2,839	7,353	2,498	10	...	219	104	14	21	
...	1,26,552 14 0	1,23,812 7 6	1,693 0 4	1,067	233	73	...	...	36	2	...	4	
...	121 8 0	121 8 0	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	491 2 0	346 2 0	35 0 0	11	33	88	...	...	27	4	– 2	6	
...	2,983 8 0	5,470 8 3	2,397 0 3	3	1	18	27	...	...	...	3	1	
4	27,983 9 9	13,105 5 9	3,995 3 8	43	132	219	475	22	1	7	...	1	
2	10,000 0 0	1,622 8 0	1,135 12 0	1	5	9	30	2	...	...	...	2	
6	7,67,117 11 2	6,80,973 11 7	47,111 2 4	6,509	10,155	3,440	543	24	776	325	33	100	

Criminal Procedure Code.
374, Criminal Procedure Code.
realized portion of fines imposed by officers in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction only.
also be shown under the head *fines* "imposed" and "realized" in columns 18 and 19, for they form part of such fines.
total of column 8 should correspond with the total of columns 12 to 17 inclusive.
offender, to exhibit them both. Further, to reconcile the number of persons entered in this statement as punished with the number entered as ordered under Act XIII of 1859 in a foot-note. As regards persons whose cases were referred for higher punishment for orders under sec- the higher Court should be entered against such higher Court, and not against the Court making the reference.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. V-A—(CRIMINAL)

PART I.

Statement showing the Particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals in the Presidency of Bombay during the year 1917.

Showing Whippings inflicted under sections 3, 4 and 5 of Act IV of 1909, in lieu of other punishments.

Offences for which awarded.	Number of Persons awarded			Total.	Remarks.
	5 to 10 stripes.	11 to 20 stripes.	21 to 30 stripes.		
1	2	3	4	5	6
In lieu of other punishments (sections 3 to 5, Act IV of 1909).					
1. Rape as defined in section 375, Indian Penal Code.	...	1	...	1	
2. Unnatural offence as defined in Section 377, Indian Penal Code.	5	...	...	5	
3. Theft, as defined in Section 378, Indian Penal Code.	50	34	1	85	
3. Theft, as defined in „ 379 „ ...	113	49	5	167	
3. Theft, as defined in „ 380 „ ...	265	116	18	399	
3. Theft, as defined in „ 381 „ ...	36	13	...	49	
3. Theft, as defined in „ 382 „ ...	...	...	...	...	
4. Extortion, as defined in „ 383 „ ...	...	...	...	...	
4. Extortion, as defined in „ 389 „ ...	1	...	...	1	
5. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 411, „ ...	5	2	...	7	
5. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 412 „ ...	...	...	...	...	
6. Cheating as defined in section 420, Indian Penal Code.	...	1	...	1	
7. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in section 443, Indian Penal Code.	...	...	...	...	
8. Lurking house-trespass by night, as defined in section 444, Indian Penal Code.	...	1	...	1	
9. House-breaking, as defined in section 445, Indian Penal Code.	1	...	...	1	
10. House-breaking by night, as defined in section 446, Indian Penal Code.	8	3	...	11	
11. Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking as defined in section 454, Indian Penal Code.	1	...	...	1	
12. Offences under section 52, Act IX of 1894 ...	...	...	...	...	
13. Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking, by night, as defined in section 457, Indian Penal Code.	1	3	...	4	
On 1st conviction	485	205	24	714	
On re-conviction	1	18	...	19	
Total ...	486	223	24	733	

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M. A. RANDELIA,
Assistant Registrar.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. V-A—(CRIMINAL).

PART II.

Statement showing the Particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals in the Presidency of Bombay during the year 1917.

Showing Whippings in addition to other punishments. section 4, Act IV of 1909.

Offences for which awarded.	No. of Persons awarded			Total.	Remarks.
	5 to 10 stripes.	11 to 20 stripes.	21 to 30 stripes.		
1	2	3	4	5	6
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENTS. (SECTION 4.)					
1.—Rape as defined in Section 375, Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	
2.—Unnatural offence, as defined in „ 377 „	1	2	...	3	
3.—Theft, as defined in „ 380 „	...	1	...	1*	* This is from Sind.
4.—Robbery, as defined in „ 390 „	...	...	3	3	
5.—Dacoity, as defined in „ 391 „	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	1	3	3	7	

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Assistant Registrar.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. V-A—(Criminal).

Part III.

Statement showing the Particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals in the Presidency of Bombay during the year 1917.

Showing Whippings inflicted under section 5, Act IV of 1909, on juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

Offences.	Number of Persons awarded			Total.	Remarks.
	5 to 10 stripes.	11 to 20 stripes.	21 to 30 stripes.		
1	2	3	4	5	6
.....	289	99	6	394	
On 1st conviction	284	88	6	378	
On re-conviction	5	11	...	16	
Total ...	289	99	6	394	

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Assistant Registrar.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. V-A—(Criminal).

Part IV.

Statement showing the Particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals in the Presidency of Bombay during the year 1917.

Showing relative number of times Whipping was awarded as compared with other punishments.

Punishments.	Number.	Remarks.
1	2	3
1. Total number of whippings awarded	1,134	
2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded	7,862	
3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded. (Total of headings 1 and 2)	8,996	
4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3)	12·6	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 6—(CRIMINAL).

Statement showing the result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

Tribunals.	Number of Persons.											Average number of days during which each appeal lasted.	Number of Appeal cases disposed of during the year.	Remarks.
	Total number of Appellants and Applicants for revision before the Courts.	Died, escaped, transferred to another province.	Appeals or Applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred for revision to the High Court.	Pending trial.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1
Appeals.														
To Chief Magistrates of Districts	2,533	1	689	964	...	270	520	...	28	...	61	20·3	1,677	
„ Courts of Session ...	2,897	1	1,018	919	..	303	447	...	30	4	175	24·2	1,922	
Superior Courts. By persons convicted ...	715	...	304	209	...	78	57	...	1	...	66	41·2	530	
Superior Courts. By Government from judgment of acquittal ...	239	2	94	63	2	7	10	...	2	...	59	43·1	126	
Total ...	6,384	4	2,105	2,155	2	658	1,034	...	61	4	361	25·4	4,255	
Revision.														
By Chief Magistrates of Districts	107	5	200	...	...	...	...	2	64	22	5	22·6	171	
„ Courts of Session ...	404	...	672	...	...	...	...	1	96	37	120	44·7	418	
„ Superior Courts ...	984	...	570	199	4	61	180	11	35	...	130	49·7	554	
Total ...	1,495	5	1,442	199	4	61	180	14	195	59	255	43·8	1,143	
Grand Total ...	*7,879	†9	3,547	2,354	6	719	1,214	14	256	63	616	29·3	5,398	* In the applications for revision made on behalf of complainants, there were 919 accused persons involved, and these must be added to the grand total of column 2 to make it equal to the total of columns 3 to 12. † Died.

Notes.—Column 1.—Sub-head "To Chief Magistrates of Districts" includes other Magistrates authorized to hear appeals under section 407, Criminal Procedure Code.

Column 2.—Total of Columns 3 to 12. Cases transferred from one Court to another *in the same province* will appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the end of the year, if not decided. The words "Applicants for Revision" in the heading of this column should be held to include only *accused persons* on whose behalf an application for revision is made, or in whose interest the Magistrate or Judge may take steps to obtain revision on his own motion. Where such application is made or such steps are taken on behalf of a *complainant*, the fact should be noted with the number of complainants concerned in the column of remarks. In the latter case the accused persons against whom the application is made, though not appearing in this column, will fall into their proper places in Columns 3 to 12 according to the result of such application. This note is held to apply also to cases dealt with by the High Court on review of returns.

Column 5.—Appeals dismissed under section 423, Criminal Procedure Code, should be entered in this column.

Column 9.—Orders of discharge set aside by a Superior Court under section 436, Criminal Procedure Code, should be entered in this column.

Column 10.—When a sentence is reversed or proceedings are quashed on appeal, and a new trial or further enquiry is at the same time ordered, the Appellate Court should not fill in Column 8 as well as Column 10, or Column 9 as well as Column 10, in each case, respectively, but should make the entry in Column 10 only.

Column 13.—Duration of appeals, applications for revision or references should be calculated thus:—

(1) Appeals from the date of receipt in office of the petition of appeal.

(2) Applications for revision from the date of application.

(3) Cases dealt with by the Court otherwise than on application from date of the order calling for the records; and

(4) Cases sent to the High Court by Lower Courts for revision from the date of the letter from the Court making the reference.

General.—Persons whose appeals were rejected under section 421, Criminal Procedure Code, should be entered in Column 4, in which should also be included applicants for revision whose cases the Courts have refused to submit to the High Court.

In Columns 5 to 10 should be shown opposite the sub-heads for "Magistrates of Districts" and "Courts of Session" persons whose cases were disposed of by those Courts without reference to the High Court, and in Column 11 all persons whose cases these Courts referred to the High Court.

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M. A. RANDELIA,
Assistant Registrar.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Statement showing the Number and Description of Civil Suits instituted

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.	Suits under the Rent Law.					
		Arrears of rent with or without ejectment.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	For penalties or damages of compensation for wrongful act on the part of landlord or tenant.	For ejectment or recovery of possession alone.	All other suits under the Rent Law.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.							
Civil Courts.							
Unpaid Tribunals	36	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	87,737	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts	12,229	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	396	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts							
Total ...	100,398	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.							
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	*31,419	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	1,027	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	32,446	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	132,844	...	...	...	...	...	...

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No. 7—(CIVIL).

in the Civil Courts in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.										
Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for Specific Relief.	Suits to establish a right of pre-emption.	Mortgage Suits.	Suits relating to religious and other endowments.	Matrimonial Suits.	Testamentary Suits.	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	Grand Total.	REMARKS.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	...	...	12	...	...	...	5	35	71	
11,257	1,484	68	6,508	25	205	12	4,194	23,753	111,490	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78	78	12,307	
92	73	19	26	20	20	158	206	614	1,010	
11,367	1,557	87	6,546	45	225	170	4,483	24,480	124,878	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31,419	* Includes the figures for the Small Cause Court, Karáchi.
44	15	...	2	7	14	18	1,006	1,106	2,133	
44	15	...	2	7	14	18	1,006	1,106	33,552	
11,411	1,572	87	6,548	52	239	188	5,489	25,586	158,430	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Statement showing the Number and Value of Suits instituted in the

Class of Tribunals	Number of Suits instituted				
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Courts in the Interior.					
Civil Courts.					
Unpaid Tribunals	8	21	13	18	5
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals... ...	9,098	40,957	22,928	29,572	4,473
Small Cause Courts	1,019	4,739	3,463	2,967	119
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	61	8	17	125	51
Chief Courts of Districts					
Total ...	10,186	45,725	26,421	32,682	4,648
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.					
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	*1,002	11,126	7,064	9,439	1,910
Superior Courts	...	...	...	3	7
Total ...	1,002	11,126	7,064	9,442	1,917
Grand Total ...	11,188	56,851	33,485	42,124	6,565

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No. 8—(CIVIL).

Civil Courts in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

IN THE DIFFERENT COURTS.				Total Value of Suits.	REMARKS.
Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
7	8	9	10	11	12
				Rs. a. p.	
2	...	...	4	16,444 9 7	
3,026	317	193	926	5,57,90,995 9 6	
...	...	...	...	11,74,747 12 5	
324	88	45	291	23,44,737 0 7	
3,352	405	238	1,221	5,93,26,925 0 1	
878	...	...	...	55,92,312 11 7	* Includes the figures for the Small Cause Court, Karáchi.
603	205	203	1,112	1,16,82,811 3 7	
1,481	205	203	1,112	1,72,75,123 15 2	
4,833	610	441	2,333	7,66,02,048 15 3	

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Assistant Registrar.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT

PART I—

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil Cases in the

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	NUMBER OF SUITS					
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	WITHOUT CONTEST.			
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.							
Civil Courts.							
Unpaid Tribunals ...	134	...	24	13	3	6	4
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals.	157,605	11	12,844	31,705	7,262	15,328	2,739
Small Cause Courts ...	17,145	11	1,566	1,730	1,368	2,860	55
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ... / Chief Courts of Districts ...	2,003	...	90	47	20	81	7
Total ...	176,887	22	14,524	33,495	8,653	18,275	2,805
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.							
Presidency Small Cause Courts.	*35,713	...	1,427	7,887	7,726	9,330	59
Superior Courts	4,449	...	576	337	16	735	340
Total ...	40,162	...	2,003	8,224	7,742	10,065	399
Grand Total ...	(a) 217,049	22	16,527	41,719	16,395	28,340	3,204

Notes.—Column 2.—Total of the entries in Columns 3 to 13. Cases transferred from one Court to another in the same Province will pending from the preceding year should be noted in the column of remarks and when deducted from the total of at the end of the previous year, the balance does not agree with the figures in Column 18 of Statement No. VII, the Column 6.—When under Order IX, rule 8, Civil Procedure Code, a decree is wholly or partially made in favour of an absent Column 8.—A case in which Defendant appears but a Plaintiff does not and Defendant does not confess judgment and the Columns 15 and 16.—As regards the average duration of suits the date of the presentation of the plaint shall be considered admission after amendment shall be regarded as the date of institution. With regard to applications to execute decrees in the particular Court should alone be calculated. The interval should be omitted during which an application for review are to be treated as if newly instituted on revival.

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No. 9—(Civil).

Civil Suits.

Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

DISPOSED OF.				Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average Duration of Suits.		Remarks.
On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						
For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for Defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
...	...	16	2	66	39	601·7	224·2	
1,673	76	36,996	6,149	42,822	24,903	222·3	102·1	Besides the suits shown in columns 4 to 12, the following were also before the High Court on its Original Side :—
15	10	3,952	417	5,161	4,103	119	69	25 Petitions for leave to sue or defend in *forma pauperis*.
44	...	343	149	1,222	936	401·5	136·1	24 „ under the Indian Trustee's Act. 31 „ „ „ Company's Act. 1 „ „ „ Press Act. 253 Miscellaneous Petitions.
1,732	86	41,307	6,717	49,271	29,981	214·9	99·1	There were also 618 applications for Probate and Letters of Administration, most of which were disposed of by the Registrar.
155	51	3,846	1,253	3,979	907	61·8	44·1	* This includes the figures for the Small Cause Court, Karachi.
...	...	174	68	2,203	1,778	335	364	
155	51	4,020	1,321	6,182	2,685	74·2	61·4	(*a*) The number of cases pending at the close of the last year was 56,469 including the one shown less last year for Sind. If this be deducted from the total in Column 2 the balance is 160,580 instead of 158,430. This is due to there being 2,150 revived suits.
1,887	137	45,327	8,038	55,453	32,666	200·8	88	

appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of the year, if not decided. The number of cases Column 2 should leave a balance corresponding with the total of Column 18 of Statement No. VII. If, after deducting the arrears shown difference should be explained.
Plaintiff on the admission of the Defendant, the case should be entered in this column.
case is thereupon dismissed, the case should be entered in this column.
as the date of institution unless some defect or omission requires to be amended before the plaint can be admitted, in which case the date of the date of their presentation should alone be considered. In calculating average duration, the time that the suit has been actually pending which has been granted, or an appeal in which an order of remand has been passed, has been pending in the Superior Court. Revived suits

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts

Class of Courts.	Total Number of Cases before the Courts.	Number of Suits					
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.			
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.							
Civil Courts.							
Unpaid Tribunals	25	...	6	...	...	2	2
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	9,590	...	1,123	242	432	1,376	454
Small Cause Courts	550	...	19	37	53	68	20
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	2,002	2	175	34	112	286	100
Chief Courts of Districts							
Total ...	12,167	2	1,323	313	597	1,732	576
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.							
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	*10,467	...	6,183	380	2,217	935	...
Superior Courts	15	...	5	...	...	...	...
Total ...	10,482	...	6,188	380	2,217	935	...
Grand Total ...	22,649	2	7,511	693	2,814	2,667	576

Notes.—Column 2.—Total of the entries in Columns 3 to 13. Cases transferred from one Court to another *in the same Province*
General (1)—Cases under Order XXI, rule 58, Civil Procedure Code, should be treated as Miscellaneous Judicial Cases.
(2)—The classes of Applications dealt with by Appellate Courts only and specified in the note to Judicial Statement

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No. 9—(CIVIL).

CASES (JUDICIAL).

of Original Jurisdiction in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

DISPOSED OF				Pending at the close of the year.	Number of Cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of Cases.	REMARKS.
On reference to Arbitration.		With contest.					
For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for Defendant.				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
...	...	1	...	14	5	167	
1	1	2,385	1,251	2,325	986	110·5	
...	...	143	79	131	70	39·5	
5	...	343	220	725	467	105·7	
6	1	2,872	1,550	3,195	1,528	106·5	
...	...	314	188	250	6	23·6	* This includes the figures for the Small Cause Court, Karáchi.
...	...	...	7	3	2	74	
...	...	314	195	253	8	23·7	
6	1	3,186	1,745	3,448	1,536	62·4	

will appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of the year, if not decided.

No. 10, Part II, should not be shown in this Statement.

M. A. RANDELIA,
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JUDICIAL STATEMENT

PART I.—APPEALS

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate

Class of Courts.	Total number of Appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in another Province or Presidency.	Decisions confirmed under Order XLI, rule 11, Civil Procedure Code.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	HEARD *ex parte*.			
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.								
Civil Courts.								
District Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	(a) 10,547	1	727	212	54	20	23	10
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ...								
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	10,547	1	727	212	54	20	23	10
COURT AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.								
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from Original Decrees	1,154	...	17	28	53	...	...	...
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from Appellate Decrees	2,382	...	431	23	4	...	...	...
Total ...	3,536	...	448	51	57	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	*14,083	1	1,175	263	111	20	23	10

Notes.—Column 2.—Total of the entries in Columns 3 to 14. Appeals, transferred from one Court to another *in the same*
This column should also include appeals pending from the preceding

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Bombay, 11th October 1918.

No. 10—(CIVIL).

FROM DECREES.

Courts of the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

CONTESTED.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of Appeals.	Objections under Order XLI, rule 22, Act V of 1908.	REMARKS.
Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3,092	557	718	241	4,892	3,688	345	278	(a) These include 559 appeals disposed of by First Class Subordinate Judges and Small Cause Court Judges invested with Appellate Powers.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3,092	557	718	241	4,892	3,688	345	278	
234	48	45	16	713	631	481·2	19	
469	18	71	37	1,329	1,016	362·3	18	
703	66	116	53	2,042	1,647	397·4	37	
3,795	623	834	294	6,934	5,335	356	315	* This includes 7,276 appeals pending at the close of the preceding year.

Province, will appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of the year, if not decided. year, the number of such being noted in the column of remarks.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate

Class of Courts.	Total number of Appeals before the Court.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed, Order XLI, rule 11, C. P. C.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	HEARD *ex parte*.			
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								
Civil Courts.								
District Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	319	...	40	15	14	1	3	5
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ...								
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Province.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	319	...	40	15	14	1	3	5
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.								
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from Original Orders.	17	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from Appellate Orders.	144	...	12	8	...	...	...	...
Total ...	*161	...	12	10	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	†480	...	52	25	14	1	3	5

Notes.—Column 2.—Total of the entries in Columns 3 to 14. Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts transferred from the year, if not decided.

General.—This statement should include not only Appeals from Orders under section 104 of the Code of Civil Procedure,

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, Bombay, 11th October 1918.

No. 10—(CIVIL).

APPEALS.

Courts of the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

CONTESTED.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Objections under Order XLI, rule 22, Act V of 1908.	REMARKS.
Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
93	6	38	16	88	46	167·2	...	* In addition to these the following miscellaneous work was disposed of by the High Court, Appellate Side, and the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind :—
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*By the High Court, Appellate Side.*
								6 Applications to withdraw or transfer Appeals, section 24, Civil Procedure Code.
93	6	38	16	88	46	167·2	...	11 Applications for leave to appeal as a pauper, Or. XLIV, r. 1, Civil Procedure Code.
								36 Applications for review of judgment, section 114, and Or. XLVII, r. 1, Civil Procedure Code.
								5 Applications for leave to appeal to His Majesty's Privy Council, Or. XLV, r. 7, Civil Procedure Code.
								175 Applications for stay of execution, Or. XLI, r. 5, Civil Procedure Code.
1	...	7	...	7	2	96	...	301 Applications under the Court's Extraordinary Jurisdiction.
42	7	4	5	66	47	337·5	1	7 Civil References. Of these—
								5 were under the Indian Divorce Act (IV of 1869);
								1 was under the Aden Act (Bom. Act II of 1864);
43	7	11	5	73	49	310	1	1 was under the Indian Stamp Act (II of 1899);
								789 All other applications under the Civil Procedure Code not especially mentioned above,
								and
								3,219 Applications were disposed of out of Court by the Registrar and his Deputy.
136	13	49	21	161	95	206·6	1	*By the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.*
								2 Applications under section 25 of Act IX of 1887.
								53 Applications under section 115, Civil Procedure Code.
								6 Applications under Act VII of 1913.
								3 Applications under section 16 of Act XII of 1866.
								1 Application under section 14 (2) of Act VIII of 1890,
								and
								1 Application under Ord. 41, r. 19, Civil Procedure Code.
								† This includes 175 appeals pending at the close of the preceding year.

one Court to another *in the same Province* will appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of

but also Appeals in Miscellaneous and Judicial cases, *i. e.*, the cases entered in Judicial Statement No. 9—Part II.

M. A. RANDELIA,
Assistant Registrar.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Statement showing the result of Proceedings on applications for the Execution of the

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decree before the Courts.	Applications Disposed of				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
								Rs. a. p.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								
Civil Courts.								
Unpaid Tribunals	99	...	11	9	34	45	24	2,918 2 0
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	149,988	3	26,230	27,979	57,363	38,413	21,308	52,41,653 9 3
Small Cause Courts	11,718	21	1,937	2,334	5,991	1,435	482	1,51,260 7 6
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	766	22	181	34	305	224	103	1,25,677 5 0
Chief Courts of Districts								
Total ...	162,571	46	28,359	30,356	63,693	40,117	21,917	55,21,509 7 9
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.								
Presidency Small Cause Courts	*19,963	380	2,786	3,551	11,749	1,497	208	9,47,016 6 11
Superior Courts	1,229	127	54	13	724	311	196	15,23,856 2 7
Total ...	21,192	507	2,840	3,564	12,473	1,808	404	24,70,872 9 6
Grand Total ...	†183,763	553	31,199	33,920	76,166	41,925	22,321	79,92,382 1 3

Note.—Column 2.—Total of the entries in columns 3 to 7.

* This includes the figures for the Small Cause Court, Karáchi.

† This includes 45,820 pending at the close of the preceding year.

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side,
Bombay, 11th October 1918.

No. 11—(CIVIL).

Decrees of the Civil Courts in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS.											REMARKS.
On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property		On which immoveable property			On which possession was given		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than the preceding columns.	
		Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under r. 85, O. XXI, section 2 of schedule III or section 72 of Act V of 1908.	Was attached, but subsequently released under r. 55, O. XXI.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
...	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	7	...	...	43	
159	491	610	841	2,610	603	2,295	42	3,237	86	288	31,219	
69	219	70	88	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119	
5	3	6	1	6	...	6	2	4	...	1	42	
233	713	717	930	2,618	603	2,302	44	3,248	86	289	31,423	
493	2,706	343	855	...	...	...	...	197	...	...	2,930	
8	31	1	18	15	...	6	...	5	...	...	122	
501	2,737	344	873	15	...	6	...	202	...	...	3,052	
734	3,450	1,061	1,803	2,633	603	2,308	44	3,450	86	289	34,475	

Statement showing the number and duration of Darkhásts disposed of during the year 1917, in which immoveable property was sold by the Collectors or the Civil Courts in the Presidency of Bombay, including Sind (*vide* Government letter No. 875, dated 16th February 1904).

By whom immoveable property was sold.	Total number of Darkhásts in which immoveable property was sold.	Number of Darkhásts in Column 2 which were pending									
		Less than a year.	Over 1 year.	Over 2 years.	Over 3 years.	Over 4 years.	Over 5 years.	Over 6 years.	Over 7 years.	Over 8 years.	Over 9 years.	Over 10 years.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
By the Civil Courts ...	1,065	433	468	96	18	6	2	2	1	...	...	...
By the Collectors ...	1,538	290	779	351	101	30	9	4	2	...	1	1

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12– (Civil).

Statement showing the Number and Result of Applications and Proceedings under the Provincial Insolvency Act, III of 1907, in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a Declaration of Insolvency.								Number of Insolvents discharged during the year under section 44.
	Total number for hearing.	Transferred to another Province, withdrawn, etc.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 43 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 43.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	977	70	160	256	114	14	...	363	21
Chief Courts of Districts.	44	4	19	6	1	...	...	14	5
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,021	74	179	262	115	14	...	377	26

Class of Courts.	Number of Insolvents' Estates in the hands of Receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of Creditors' Claims dealt with during the year.		Gross Amount of Insolvents' Assets Realizedand Disbursed.		Remarks.
		Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
1	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	63	92,936 3 6	11,494 14 8	1,19,776 10 2	48,819 11 4	
Chief Courts of Districts.	19	31,095 14 5	25,218 14 7	50,135 8 4	33,820 13 1	
Superior Courts ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	82	1,24,032 1 11	36,713 13 3	1,69,911 13 6	82,640 8 5	

Notes.—Column 1.—Sub-head "Courts other than Chief Courts of District." Specially empowered under the provisos to sub-section (*1*) of section 3 of Act III of 1907. (*Vide* Government Notification, J. D., No. 3358, dated 16th June 1910).

Column 2.—Total of the entries in columns 3 to 9. Cases transferred from one Court to another *in the same Province*, will appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of the year, if not decided.

Column 3.—Applications struck off for default or otherwise not prosecuted should be entered in this column.

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His Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, Bombay, 11th October 1918.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Statement showing the use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Jury or Assessors in each case and prescribed qualifications.	Number of Accused Persons in Jury Trials.			
		Tried.	As to whom the Judge		
			Approved verdict.	Did not approve of verdict.	Made reference under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	...	...	...	.....
Courts of Session ... Jurors	5	307	290	17	17
Courts of Session ... Assessors	2	...	...	...	.....
High Court, Original Criminal Jurisdiction.	9	56	56	...	.....
Total ...	...	(a) 363	346	17	17

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, Bombay, 11th October 1918.

No. 13—(CRIMINAL).

Courts in the Presidency of Bombay in the year 1917.

NUMBER OF ACCUSED PERSONS IN TRIALS WITH ASSESSORS.				REMARKS.
	As to whom the Judge			
Tried.	Agreed with all the Assessors.	Differed from one or more but not from all the Assessors.	Differed from all the Assessors.	
7	8	9	10	11
...	...	.....	...	All cases falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XII, XVI, XVII and XVIII or any of the said Chapters, taken in connection with section 75 of the Indian Penal Code, in which the punishment awardable is death, transportation for life or transportation, or imprisonment for 10 years or upwards, and also attempts and abetments to commit any of the aforesaid offences, were tried by Jury in the district of Poona.
...	...	.....	...	All offences punishable with death, transportation for life, or imprisonment for 10 years were tried by Jury in the districts of Thána and Surat and in the city of Karáchi.
1,360	961	140	259	All offences, except offences punishable under sections 302, 303, 304, 304A, 305, 306, 307, 308, 311, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 477A, 484, 485, 487, 488, 489A, 489B, 489C and 489D of the Indian Penal Code and attempts to commit or abetment of any of these offences, were tried by Jury in the district of Belgaum.
...	...	.....	...	All offences punishable with death were tried by Jury in the district of Ahmedabad.
				Assessors were employed in all cases committed for trial to the Courts of Session, except in the abovementioned districts as noted above.
				(*a*) In addition to these there were 16 persons who pleaded guilty, and 13 persons proceedings against whom were withdrawn.
				(*b*) In addition to these, there were 254 persons as under :—
				104 persons who pleaded guilty.
				55 ,, whose cases were withdrawn.
				17 ,, were dealt with under section 123 (2).
				3 ,, proceedings against whom were quashed.
				1 person whose case was compounded.
				1 ,, who died.
				1 ,, who escaped
				72 persons pending trial.
(*b*) 1,360	961	140	259	254

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